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COMMENT OF THE DAY

Reds' New Proposals

WHILE the Communists have made some sort of move to break the deadlock in the armistice talks at Panmunjom, it is too early to expect quick fulfilment of the negotiations. The Reds' latest set of proposals introduce one or two new angles which have to be carefully considered. While they have withdrawn their demand that all prisoners not desiring repatriation be physically removed to a neutral country until what time their future can be satisfactorily settled, it is noticeable that they have also substituted their suggestion that one Asian nation should be appointed as neutral agency for supervising those prisoners, for a new proposition that a Neutral Commission comprising five nations be set up to carry out this task. The practicability of such a scheme has already been queried, and it will rest with the Communists to explain how such a Commission can be effective, particularly from the point of view of expeditious operation. Nevertheless it can be said that the negotiators now have something tangible which can be discussed dispassionately.

ACCEPTANCE by the Reds of the United Nations principle of non-forcible repatriation marks a significant step forward. Also encouraging is the compromise now advanced concerning the time limit to be allowed for what the Communists describe as "explanations" to prisoners, though mitigating against this concession is the qualifying proposition that if necessary, the eventual repatriation of POWs shall be dealt with through a political conference. The Communists have always wanted to make the prisoner of war issue a political one and this has rightly been resisted by the United Nations Command. Thus it remains obvious that many details have to be ironed out before full agreement can be reached and an armistice signed. It is unlikely the Allies will reject the Communist proposals out of hand, and by the same token they can hardly be expected to accept them in toto. But new opportunities appear to have arisen for sensible and acceptable compromises on practical details, and while it would be unwise to hold exaggerated hopes for an early settlement, it is reasonable to believe that some definite progress will now be made in that direction.

THERE are signs that the time element in the armistice talks is agitating minds both in the United States and Britain. Reports from Washington this week suggest the official view is growing that a time limit should be placed on the present negotiations. This has caused apprehension among Labour MPs in Britain, although it is to be noted that Sir Winston Churchill readily gave an assurance that there was to be no time limit so far as he is concerned. If there is any conflict of opinion between London and Washington over this question it is essential that it be composed without delay. While there is a reasonable chance of an agreement at Panmunjom being reached, it would be foolhardy to prejudice the position by advancing threats of imposing a limitation of time on future negotiations. It is precisely at this moment when patience and steadfastness are most needed and are likely to yield desired results.

Eisenhower Calls Top-Level Conference

KOREA TALKS BELIEVED TO BE MAIN TOPIC

Washington, May 7.

President Eisenhower called high State and Defence Department officials to the White House late today, possibly to discuss the new Communist proposals in the Korean truce talks.

The White House would not disclose the purpose of the conference. But speculation that it concerned Korea was heightened by the fact that Mr. Walter S. Robertson, Assistant Secretary of State for Far Eastern Affairs, was among those invited.

Others called to the conference were the Secretary of State, Mr. John Foster Dulles; Secretary of Defence, Mr. Charles E. Wilson; General Omar Bradley, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff; General John E. Hall, Army Vice Chief of Staff, and Mr. Alexis Johnson, Deputy to Mr. Robertson.

The press secretary, Mr. James C. Hagerly, simply told reporters that they were to talk about "some things" which they wanted to take up.

State and Defence officials had been making a searching study of the Communists' new eight-point plan on prisoner exchanges.

General Hall is acting in the absence of the Chief of Staff of the Army, General J. Lawton Collins. General Collins is now in Panama making an inspection of the Canal zone.

The latest Communist Korea truce proposals are considered in Washington to fall far short of at least one major requirement of United States Government policy—that no prisoners shall face indefinite detention in prison if unwilling to be repatriated.

Both White House and State Department officials declined to make any official comment on the plan submitted by the Communist negotiators to the United Nations Command at Panmunjom, pending a careful examination of the text now in progress in the State and Defence Departments.

But it was pointed out on the basis of a first reading of the Communist proposals that they still appeared to require that prisoners of war who persist in their unwillingness to be returned to their homelands should be detained until agreement has been reached on their future by a political conference.

The American view was that in default of an agreement, such an arrangement might result in the indefinite imprisonment of unwilling prisoners of war.

The United States does not want to impose, or threaten to impose, such a deprivation of freedom indefinitely after an armistice. In effect, the acceptance of such a proposal might amount to unfair pressure upon the prisoners to go home.

In these circumstances, it is possible that the new proposals may be rejected if the Communists insist upon clause six. This clause stated "if at the expiration of the time limit of four months... there are still prisoners in the custody of the neutral nations repatriation

commission, their disposition shall be submitted for settlement through consultation to a political conference."

In so far as the Communist negotiators now appear willing to drop their demand for the transportation of prisoners to the territory of a neutral nation, their new proposal is regarded as resembling one submitted to the United Nations some months ago by the Indian Government and then rejected by the Soviet Union and Communist China.—Reuter.

LONDON COMMENT

London, May 7. Today's Communist truce concession that prisoners refusing repatriation may be put into neutral hands on Korean soil instead of transported to a neutral state is considered by London observers to provide a hopeful basis for final agreement.

It constitutes an important advance on the earlier Communist position, they consider. A Foreign Office spokesman described the new proposals as "an important development which will be studied very closely."

Britain will immediately consult with the United States, France and the Commonwealth and other governments concerned, the spokesman said. A possible source of difficulty—and the feature thought most likely to be challenged by the United Nations Command—is that the Communists propose no time limit after which prisoners refusing repatriation shall be taken out of the hands of the future political conference on a Far Eastern settlement.

The Communists suggest that any prisoners still refusing repatriation after four months in neutral custody shall be placed at the disposal of the political conference, which is provided for in the draft Korean armistice agreement.

INDIAN RESOLUTION

The Indian resolution adopted with Western support by the United Nations Assembly last December recommended that prisoners refusing repatriation 90 days after the armistice should be placed at the disposal of the political conference.

But it provided that should the conference fail to agree on their future in a further 30

days, the care of prisoners should be transferred to the United Nations, which should act "strictly in accordance with international law."

This provision, which had strong American support, was designed to prevent indefinite detention of the prisoners if the parties to the conflict disagreed. Omission of such a time limit in case of disagreement at the political conference is the feature of the Communist offer which is most likely to argue opposition.—Reuter.

Assault On Mt Everest Today Week

Katmandu, May 7.

Advance parties of the British Everest expedition are making their way up the west Cum, a glacial hollow, 23,000 feet up, to Olse Glacier.

Their task is to prepare camp five below the shoulder leading up to the summit, before May 16, when the final assault on the 29,002 unclimbed peak of the world's highest mountain is due to begin.

Squalls and snowstorms have buffeted the mountainside in the past three weeks. But the sky has sometimes cleared to give the climbers a magnificent view from the west Cum of the inviolate peak of Mount Everest, rising a sheer 8,000 feet above them.

Through their binoculars, they have been able to see the last, formidable few hundred feet of Brown Rock near the summit, lightly powdered with white, and with a perpetual snow curling upwards from the peak, like a graceful ostrich feather.

During the past two weeks, teams of Sherpas wearing snow goggles have been transporting supplies over the treacherous face of the icefall up from the base camp to the camps on the Cum.

The last reports from the expedition say all the climbers are in good heart and confident.—Reuter.

STOP PRESS

Big Labour Gains

London, May 8.

The Labour Party made big gains in the key phase of Britain's nationwide local government elections, wrestling control of two big industrial towns, Manchester and Leeds, from the Conservative (Government) rivals, results today showed. Results from 330 of 389 boroughs (districts) participating in yesterday's poll showed a net Labour gain of 203 seats to the Conservatives' net loss of 115 seats.—Reuter.

It's Good News From Panmunjom



Suspected Of Treason

Well-Known German Arrested

Munich, May 7.

Manfred Von Brauchitsch, 47, pre-war German motor racing idol, was arrested at his home near here today on suspicion of treason.

Four other persons, including a woman, were detained in the same raid, but three of them were released soon after. Their names were not disclosed.

Police declined to give details of the allegations against Brauchitsch, but it was learned unofficially that the suspects included the General Secretary of Communist-sponsored organisation—which Von Brauchitsch is President—the "Committee for Unity and Liberty in Sport" which has its headquarters in East Berlin and is financed from East Germany.

Munich criminal police acted on orders of the West German Supreme Court in Karlsruhe. An examining magistrate interrogated the suspects at Munich police headquarters tonight and issued confirmatory warrants for the arrest of Von Brauchitsch and one other.

Von Brauchitsch, an officer in the Nazi party's motorised corps during the war, signed a Communist appeal against West German rearmament two years ago and was President of a Committee which organized the "world youth festival" in East Berlin.

Munich detectives detained Von Brauchitsch at his home near Straubing this morning. They also took away large quantities of papers.

Police sources said Von Brauchitsch at first resisted arrest, but was eventually persuaded to "come along".

They added the material confiscated in the raid included instructions from the Central Committee of the East German Communist party.—Reuter.

All Hope Is Abandoned

London, May 7.

The British Air Ministry tonight abandoned hope for 10 men who disappeared aboard a "flying schoolroom" earlier today over the English Channel. It said they were "missing, presumed killed" after wreckage had been sighted near the Scilly Isles.

The plane—a Royal Air Force Valiant transport—was carrying a crew of four and six young officers being taught navigation. It left Hullavington, Wiltshire, at 8:05 a.m. GMT and was last heard of about 9:15 a.m. GMT over the Bristol Channel.

The Air Ministry stated earlier today that wreckage, and what was possibly a body, had been seen five miles from the plane's last reported position.—Reuter.

Western Powers Accept Air Corridor Proposal

Bonn, May 7.

The Western powers have accepted a Soviet proposal for a single air corridor in place of the existing three between West Germany and West Berlin, a usually well-informed Western Allied source said here today.

The Western powers stipulated that this single corridor be wide enough to permit direct Berlin-Hamburg and Berlin-Frankfurt flights.

The sources said the Allied acceptance, with its stipulation, was given to the Soviet authorities at the last Four Power Air Safety conference in Berlin, held at the French headquarters on Tuesday.

French Air Force Brigadier Edmond Jouhaud put the Western case.

The Soviet proposal for a single corridor, put forward at an earlier meeting, stipulated that it should be 75 miles wide and run due west from Berlin. This would involve Allied planes on the much used Berlin-Hamburg and Berlin-Frankfurt routes in substantial detours.

TURNED DOWN

The Allied source said the Western powers turned down several Soviet proposals and put forward counter suggestions.

They rejected the Soviet suggestion that flights should be limited to civil aircraft, arguing that military aircraft had made many Berlin flights in the past without causing accidents.

The Western Powers also rejected the Soviet demand that Berlin-West German flights in a single air corridor should be limited to heights between 3,300 and 13,200 feet.

They told the Soviet delegates that modern aircraft often had to fly high for greater efficiency and lower if the weather was poor.

The present three corridors, which link West Berlin with Hanover, Hamburg and Frankfurt, are 20 miles wide and have an upper ceiling of 10,000 feet.

The next conference is to be held at Soviet headquarters at a date to be fixed.—Reuter.

Jews Fire On Arab Houses

Amman, May 8.

Jews from the Jewish section of Jerusalem yesterday opened fire on houses located in Arabic Jerusalem near the Mandelbaum Gate. It was announced here last night.

Jordanian authorities reported the incident to the United Nations truce observers and a mixed committee was sent to the spot for investigation.—France-Press.

Good news reached Mrs. Roberts of Peckham, London, from Panmunjom. She learned that her POW husband had been freed by the Reds. Top shows Mrs. Roberts reading the telegram to her daughter and neighbours, and above, preparing a "Welcome Home" banner.—London Express photos.

Child Swimmer's Death

Father Arrested

Miami, May 7.

Police today arrested Russell Tongay after an autopsy revealed his five-year-old daughter, Kathy, who once prepared to swim the English Channel, had suffered a "brutal beating" before she died on Wednesday.

Police Lieutenant Charles Eldredge said Tongay would be questioned further and added:

"He probably will be booked for investigation of murder."

But no formal charges have yet been filed against him.

Kathy Tongay, who learned to swim before she could walk, died here two weeks before her sixth birthday.

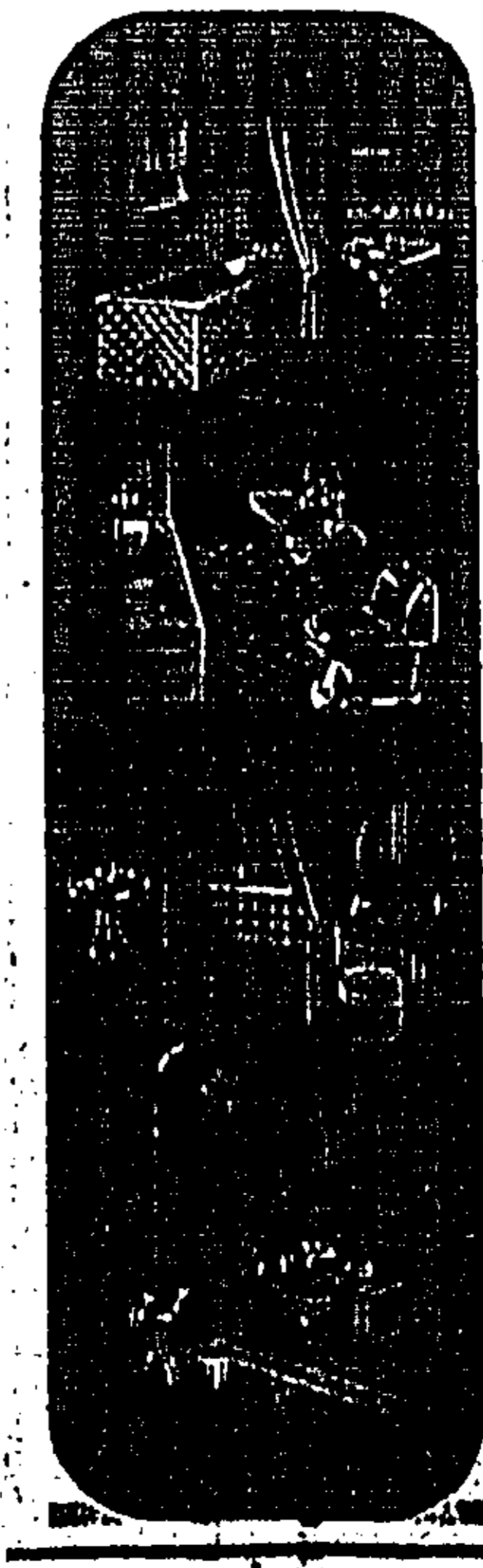
Detective Charles Sapp said the flaxen-haired child went into convulsions soon after returning from her daily swimming exercises and died yesterday on her way to hospital. He ordered an autopsy.

Mr. Sapp said the autopsy was also requested by the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Tongay.

Kathy, with her older brother, Bubba, went to England in the summer of 1951, where she was four and he five. Their father said the "water babies" would try to swim the English Channel, but both the British and French authorities refused to allow the attempt.

The children had previously swum several miles down the Mississippi River.—Reuter.

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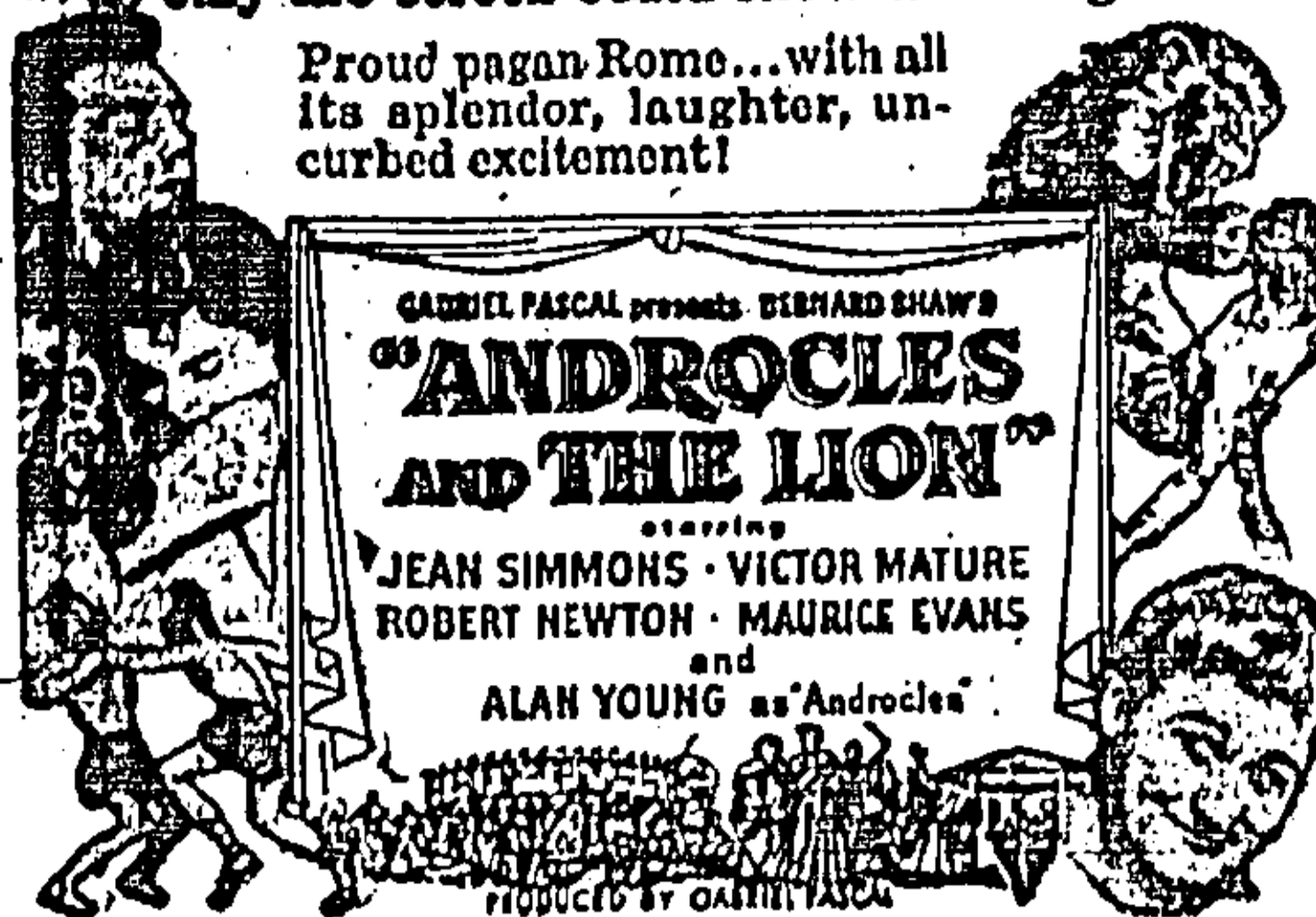
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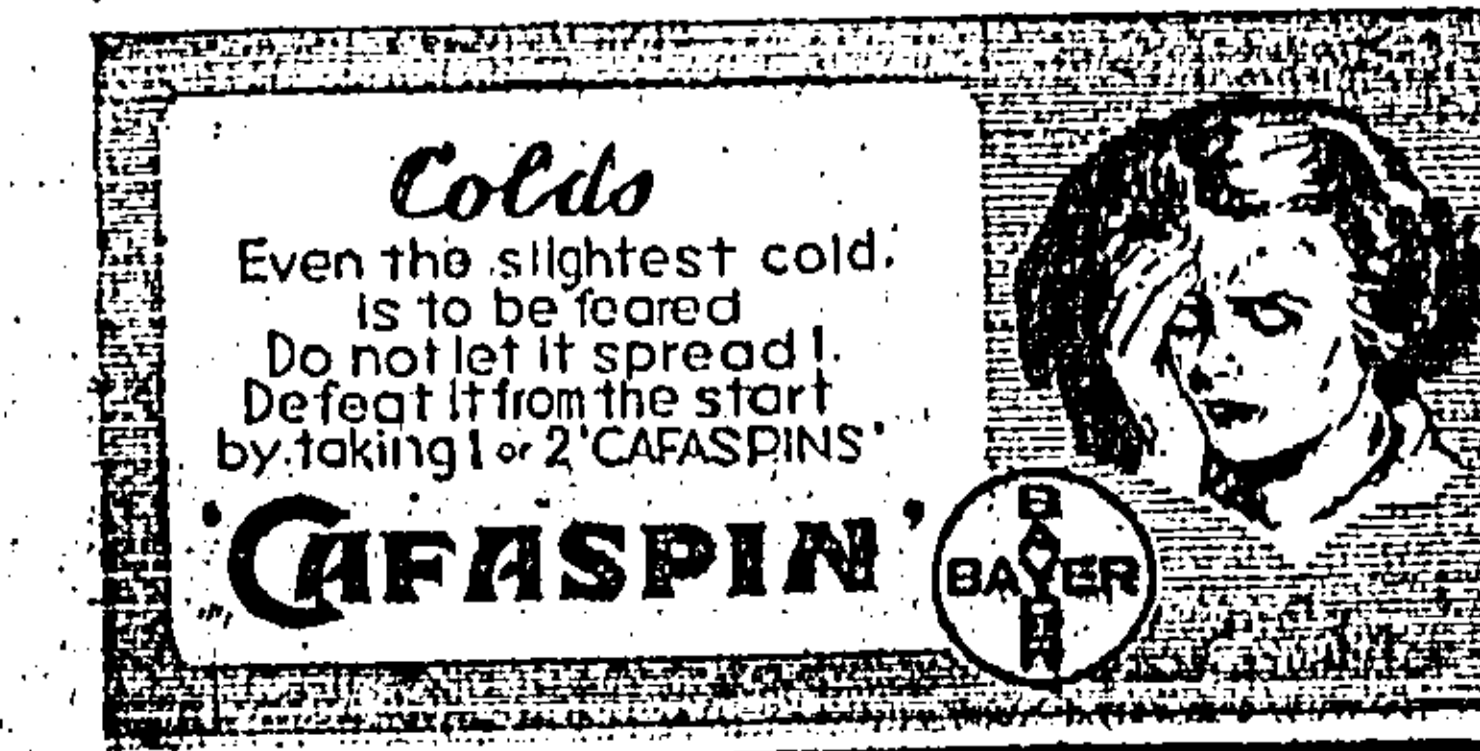
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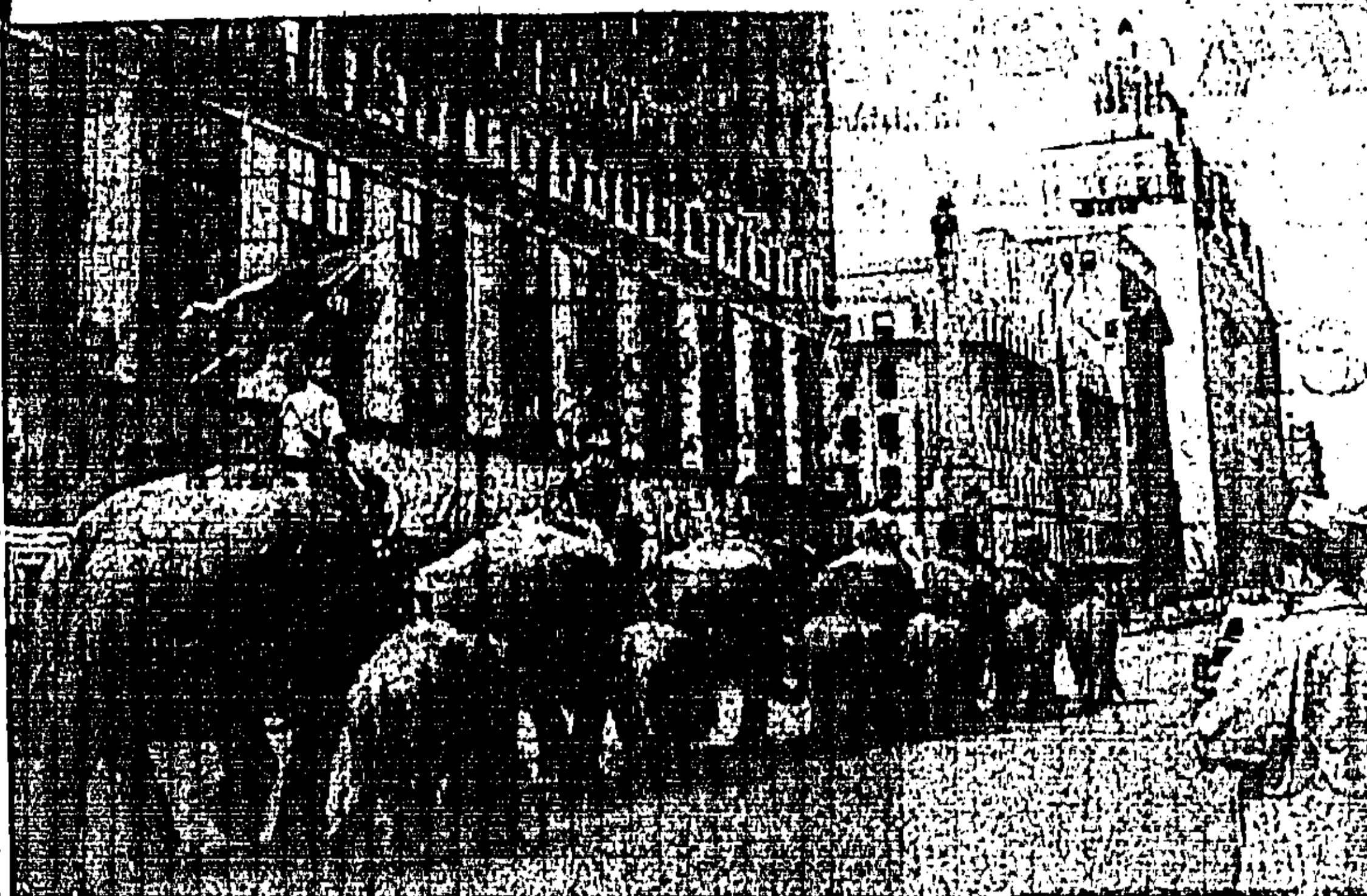
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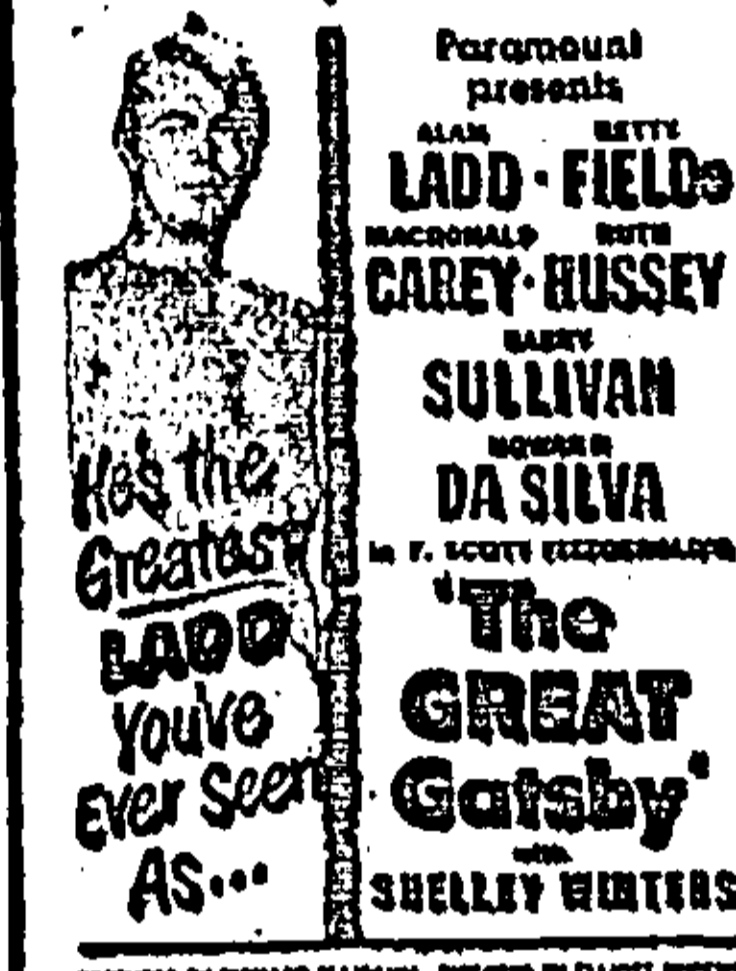


Just imagine the feelings of New Yorkers who had been out on a night spree when they looked out of the window and saw these elephants and their little ones travelling up Sixth Avenue. Actually they were seeing the advance guard of Ringling Brothers and Barnum and Bailey's Circus arriving from Miami, Florida, to open the circus season at Madison Square Garden.—Express Photo.

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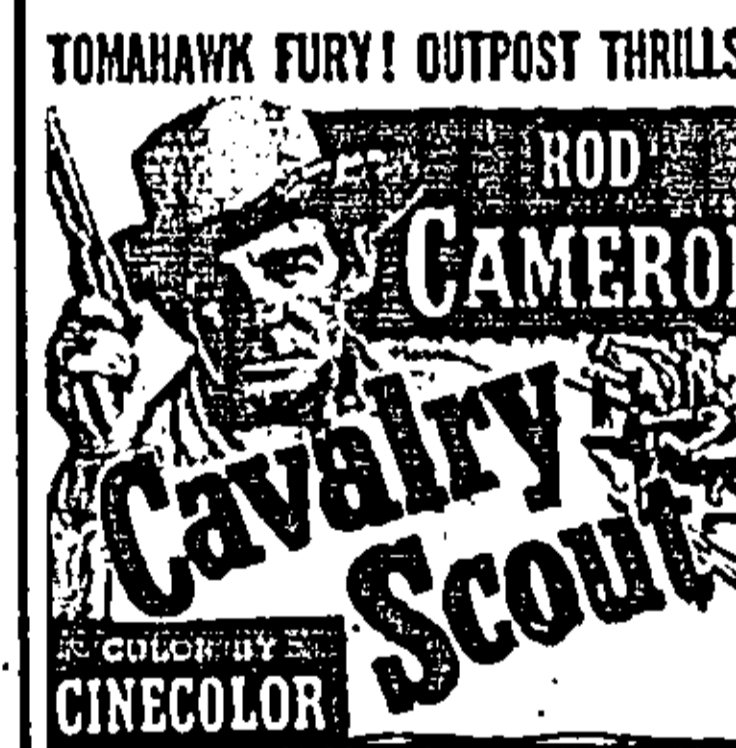
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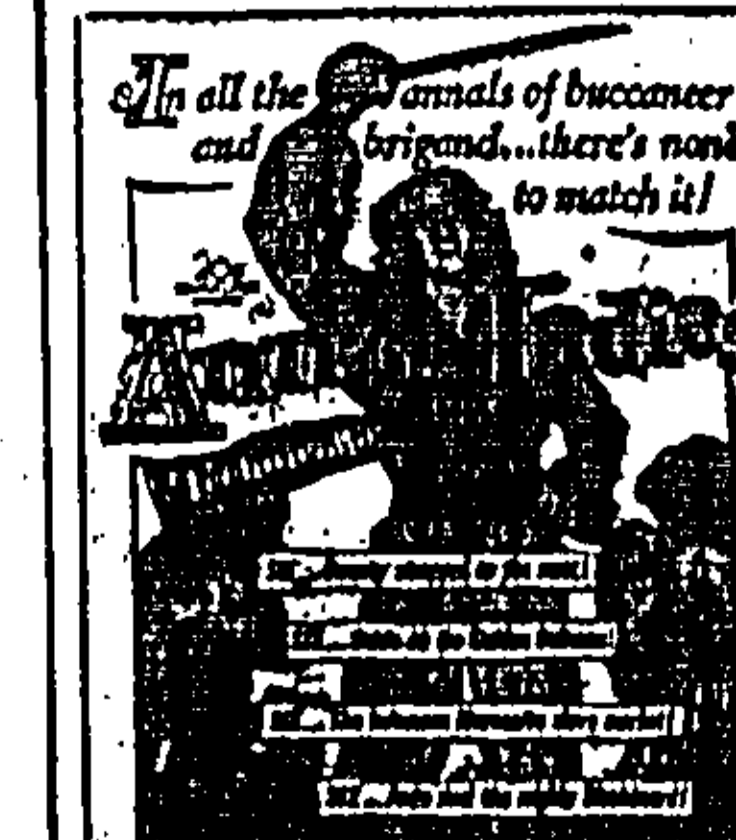
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Japanese Firm To Buy More Oil From Iran

Tokyo, May 7.
The President of a Japanese oil company whose purchase of oil from Iran brought off a storm of criticism in Britain, said today that his firm would buy more Iranian oil "so long as everything is reasonable and legal."

Mr Sukezu Idemitsu, President of the Idemitsu Kosan Company, said that Japan needed the oil and he felt that he was "doing my share to improve Japan's fuel oil problem."

One of the Company's ships is en route to Japan with 18,000 gallons of oil from Iran.
Britain has protested the purchase on the grounds that the oil does not belong solely to Iran. Iran nationalised her oil industry two years ago, pushing Britain out.
"The time has come to prove what we are doing is for the benefit of this nation," Mr Idemitsu said.
"I am ready to meet any competition or any accusation inasmuch as I am doing my best for my country, sincerely and devotedly."

DIRE NEED
"Japan is in dire need of oil—less expensive oil. Japan's economy cannot stand expensive oil that may ruin her industry."
"However, I am a loyal Japanese subject. I have no intention of embarrassing the Government so long as everything is reasonable and legal."

The Government is carefully studying possible steps to be taken to stop the Company from dealing with Iran but so far has made no official move.
The Anglo-Iranian Company, meanwhile, was expected to ask the Japanese courts for an injunction to seize the oil which is being brought here from Iran. This first ship is expected here on May 14 or 15.

BRITISH ATTITUDE
Oil industry circles believed that the British Government would keep its hands off the dispute at least for the present and, instead, would let the Anglo-Iranian Company take the matter up in court.
Later, Britain is likely to take some steps, but probably not until the Japanese Government makes known its stand.
Oil industry quarters said that if an appeal for an injunction is filed the Idemitsu Kosan will have to deposit a bond with the courts for the oil it intends to sell.—United Press.

MARSHAL'S BATON FOR DUKE

London, May 7.
The Duke of Edinburgh, already an Admiral of the Fleet and a Marshal of the Royal Air Force, received a Field-Marshal's baton at Buckingham Palace today from his wife, the Queen.

The baton, traditionally a personal gift from the Sovereign, is made of wood covered with crimson velvet, embossed with heraldic lions at either end, and is ornamented with a circle of leaves in 18-carat gold.

Field-Marshal Earl Alexander, the Minister of Defence, Mr Anthony Head, Secretary for War, and General Sir John Harding, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, attended the private ceremony.

The Duke is the ninth Field Marshal.
Queen Victoria made her bridegroom, Albert, the Prince Consort, a Field-Marshal but he never held a Royal Navy commission.—Reuter.



SALVAGE JOB IN SCOTLAND

Reclaiming Lumber 'Blown' In Storm

London, May 7.
Just about to start in Scotland is one of the largest—and most urgent—lumber operations in Britain's history. The task is to salvage as much as possible of around 30,000,000 cubic feet of timber blown down in February's great gale.

Ever since that storm mowed a great swath clean across the breadth of Scotland's valuable timber belt, landowners, timber merchants and Government officials have been planning the best means of reclaiming the "blown" lumber.

The Railway Executive have agreed to buy some of the wood for sleepers and wagon-building, and negotiations are in hand with the National Coal Board for purchase of more wood for pit props and other mining use. And it is hoped that through sales to Government and private buyers, at least two-thirds of the blown timber may be converted into cash.

But every day the trees remain where they lie adds to the problem of converting their timber into useful wood. Apart from their exposure to attack by destructive fungi, there is the even greater menace of fire—a risk which will steadily intensify as the resin-laden trunks are dried out by summer sun.

Thousands upon thousands of these massive trunks are laid out about the feet of their still standing neighbours. A ground fire getting a grip upon such an inflammable pyre could turn the forest slopes into one gigantic blaze. And even if no fire or fungal attack the stricken trees, their bulks make ideal breeding-grounds for the damaging bark beetle—whose young would soon move from the dead trees to the living when once hatched.

SIMPLE PLAN
However, the plan of campaign to beat these dangers is simple: to move in every available implement which can haul, push, carry, lift, or drive a circular saw. Tractors, bulldozers, graders and other heavy-duty machines will move the blown timber to clearing where the saws will be whirling and where the trunks can be cut up into manageable lengths.

All told, it is thought that at least 3,000 men and long months will be necessary to shift the tangle of trunks now cluttering the plantations.

Much also depends on the weather. An overdose of rain, converting the ground into a quagmire bogging down even the caterpillar-tracked machines, would be as big a bugbear as some freak scorching heat-wave, bringing with it the conditions for a disastrous forest fire.

But, thanks to oil-powered machinery, the timber owners now believe that the odds on salvaging the great bulk of the fallen trees are in their favour. Though they will not make anything like as much as they would have done had the trees been properly felled in due course, they hope to avert the crushing loss that last February seemed inescapable.—London Express Service.

East Germany's Trade With Soviet Union

Berlin, May 7.
Forty-two per cent of East Germany's foreign trade this year will be with the Soviet Union, according to ADN, the East German news agency.

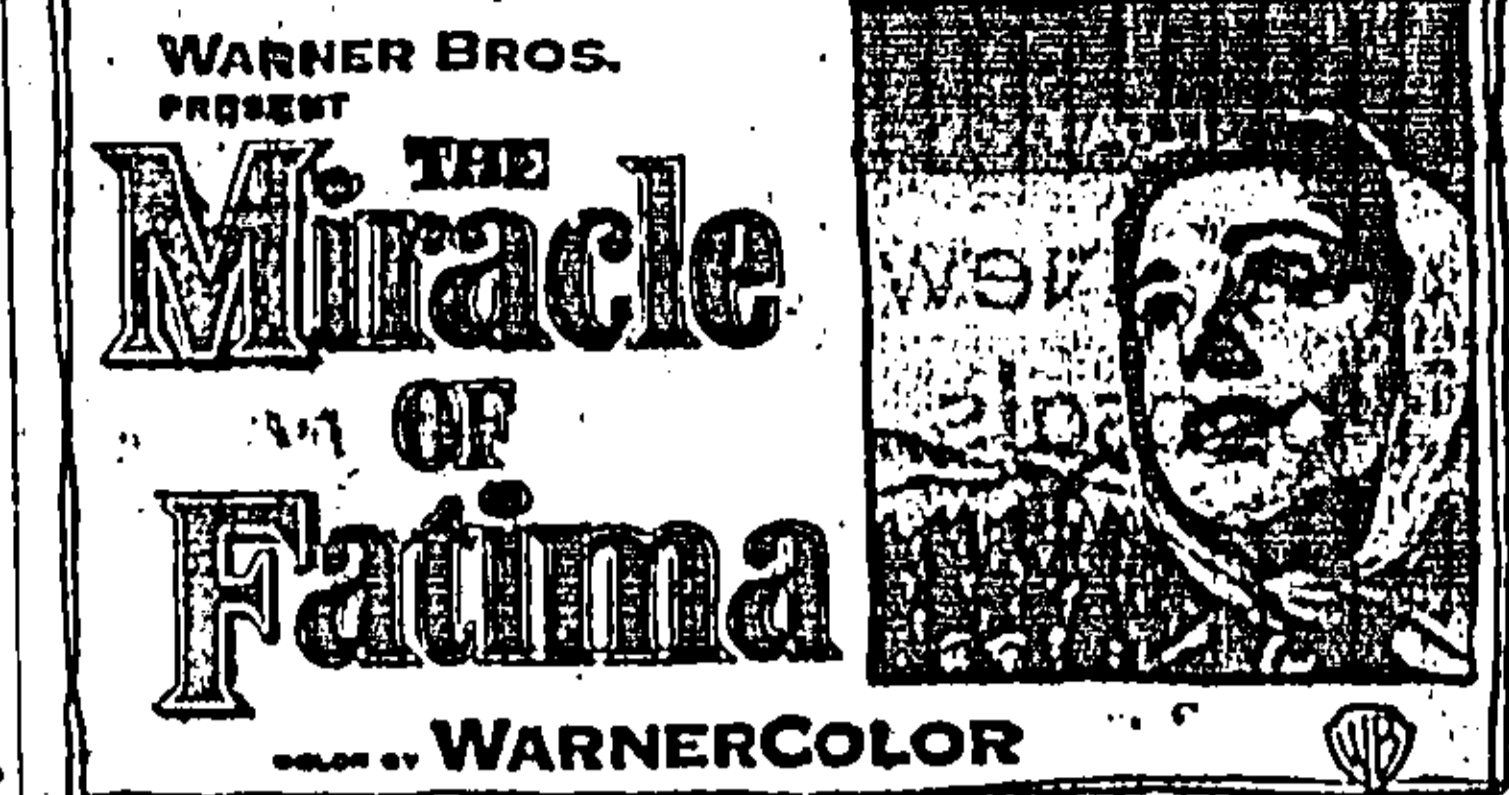
He was quoted as telling reporters in East Berlin that East Germany's trade with Russia this year will reach more than twice the 1950 volume.

He said the agreement provided for increased Soviet shipments of grain, barley and other essential foodstuffs, iron ore, coke, pig iron and non-ferrous metals. East Germany would deliver in exchange machinery, industrial equipment, chemicals and optical and precision instruments.—Reuter.

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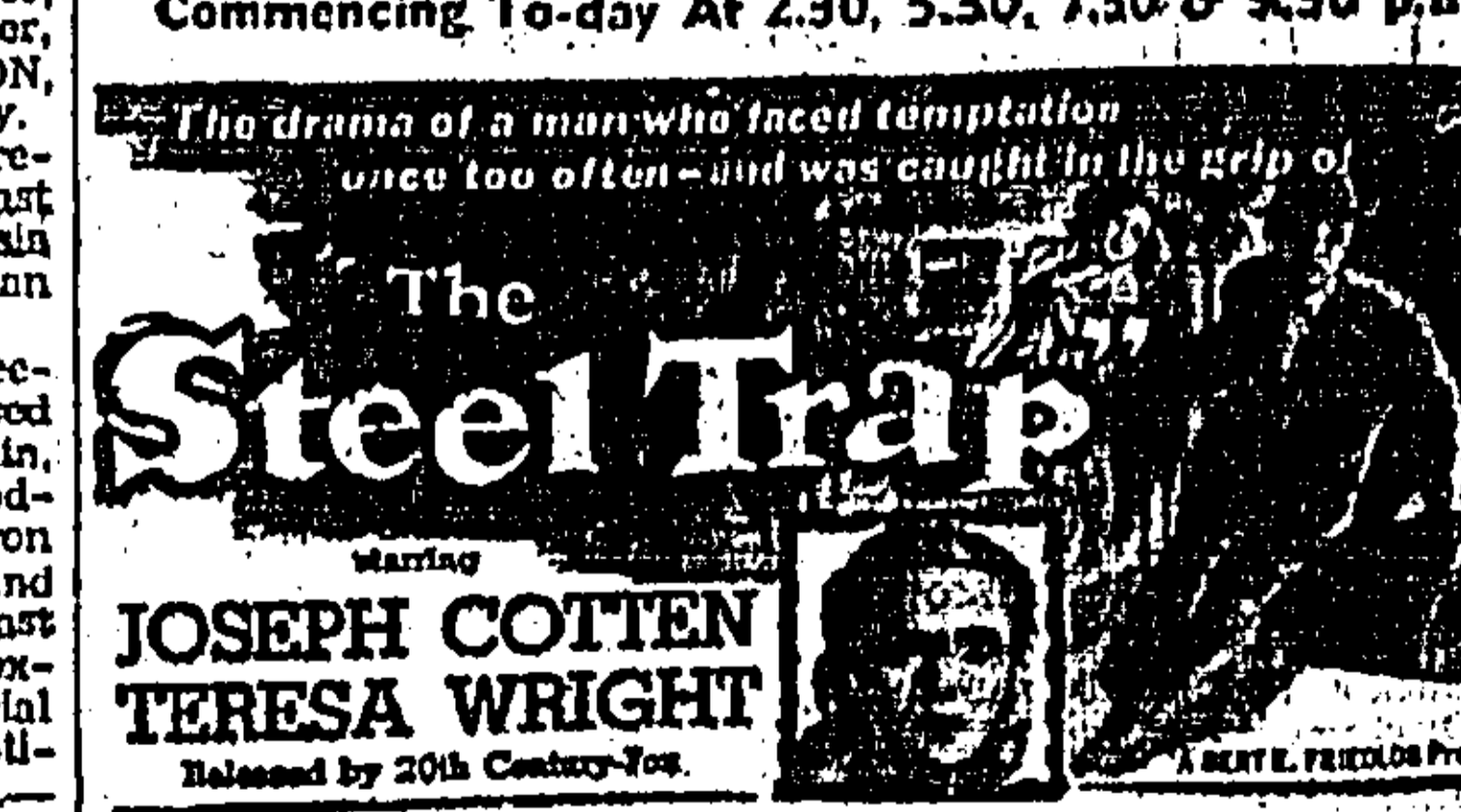
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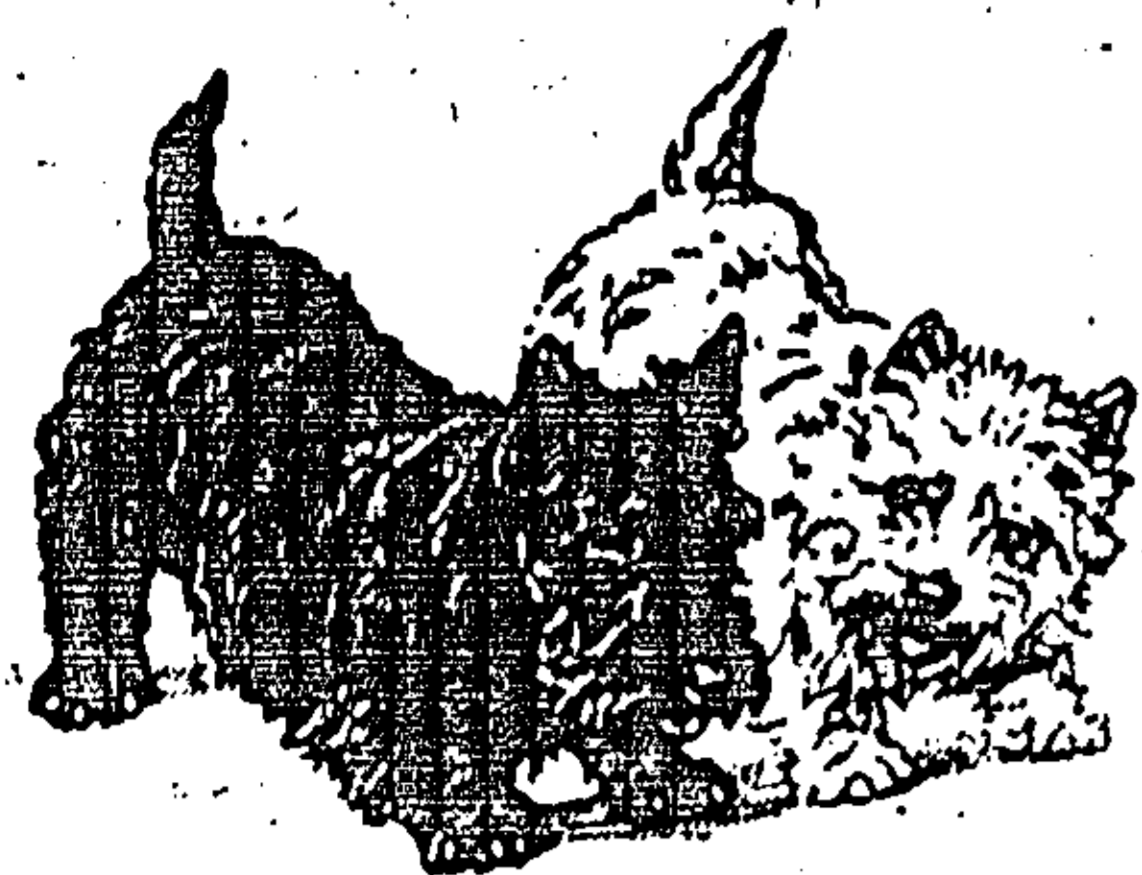
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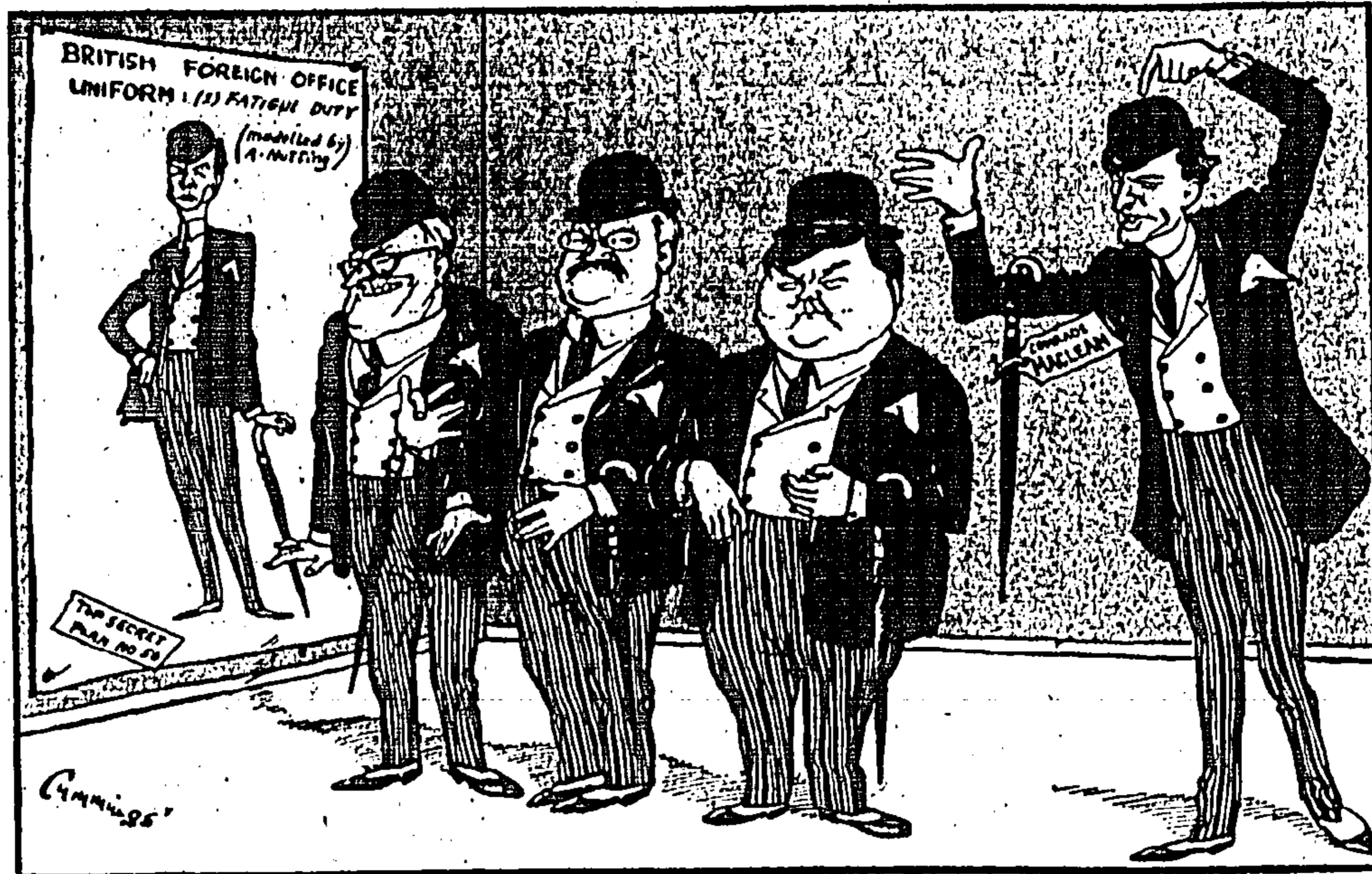
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"THAT way no bon," said Jose of the white boots laconically, as he caught a glimpse of the frontier guards and led us out of their sight.

Every one of us was exhausted. Several times it seemed impossible to carry old Mr Roberts any more, and he was in some danger of being left behind.

The end of the journey came quickly. In the darkness we crouched beside a roughly plastered wall in a Spanish village, waiting for the signal to advance and then, still following the white boots of Jose, we reached the railway platform and cursing in our exhaustion.

We came to a rough wooden platform and a faint light showed the stout figure of a man who stood aside as we blundered into the shed and flung ourselves on narrow bunks.

WHEN I recovered a little I rose to examine with interest the stout man who welcomed us. He was dressed in a smart grey suit with a pearl in his tie and wore a hat at a rakish angle. There came from him a strong Parisian scent. He greeted us in broken English: "Welcome to Spain, gentlemen. Rest yourselves. It is now one o'clock and the train for Barcelona arrives at six."

"Where are you taking us?" said Woollett. "To the British in Barcelona. I have friends among the police who control the train. You shall see. It is always dangerous to be without friends in wartime," said Pedro. He made a little gesture with his hand to indicate the passing of notes.

We lay down in our wet clothes to sleep. The cold air of the mountains blew into the shed at dawn and there came the rumbling of a train. Never have I seen such a ragamuffin crew as we were as we boarded it. All of us were grey and tired, caked with clay. In a long, first-class compartment we promptly fell asleep. The train, stopping at numerous stations, collected smart business men in black suits, with pointed shoes and pearl tie-pins travelling to Barcelona.

A tall, hawk-like person with a trim moustache, dressed in a dark brown suit and hat, walked between the rows of seats, drawing back the lapel of his coat to show a shining, five-pointed police badge. Walking beside him in a mincing fashion came Pedro, pointing out his "friends." The detective smiled with a twist of his lips, and glancing fiercely at the business men demanded their identity cards.

TOWARDS eight a.m. the train ran into Barcelona. We walked, still dazed with sleep, to the exits of the station, confused by bright colours and sounds. Formidable police stood at each doorway ready to pounce on us, but Pedro laughingly marched us as if we were a party of school-children into the warm air outside where stood an old car. Its driver was a young Englishman from the British Consulate with a military moustache and a green felt hat.

As we drove away I caught my last glimpse of Pedro shepherd-like the Poles across the street. Years afterwards I heard that he was working for both sides, taking money from British and Germans alike. I believe that Franco had him shot.

Provided with Spanish suits of greenish-blue tweed Woollett and I spent several days hiding in a Spanish workman's house in the suburbs, visited occasionally by a pretty Englishwoman from the Consulate, who listened patiently to our loud demands to be taken to Gibraltar at once.

At dawn on May 1, 1942, a large Bentley picked us up from our hide-out and hummed its way over the long, dusty road to Madrid.

There, in a large wooden building in the Embassy garden, we joined twenty or thirty men drinking beer and sherry. They came from every Allied Nation, all of them tough, hard and determined escapists. I heard my name spoken, and turned to see the familiar face of Major Philip Royal Army Medical Corps. Here was a strange coincidence. Philip Newman had lived before the war at Inglestone, near to my parents' home in Essex, and our next meeting was in the camp at Spengenberg in 1940. He escaped from a hospital in France and over the Pyrenees to Spain, arriving shortly before I did. We remained together for the rest of the journey to England.

I slept that night in great happiness. At eight next morning

**THEY HAVE
THEIR EXITS
(17)
By
AIREY NEAVE
DSO, OBE, MC**

The Bishop of Gibraltar held a short Communion Service before our departure from the Embassy.

After breakfast we rushed like schoolboys to a large orange motor-coach driven by a small grinning Gibraltarian. Mysteriously we were described on the documents we carried as students under the charge of old Mr Roberts, now recovered from his journey, and who alone was above military age and safe from arrest.

We shouted and laughed in several languages, as the coach crossed the Tagus and climbed through the mountains. Some of these tough men, in their excitement, bounced up and down in their seats like little children.

At length the Rock showed itself as a dark shadow against the clouds. At the gateway of La

Linea Spanish frontier guards argued cynically about our papers, and when we reached British territory at last we had, owing to some misunderstanding, not even been heard of by the military authorities. An hour passed as we stamped our feet outside an orderly room guarded severely by two Red Caps in case, apparently, we should escape back to Spain.

Next came an intelligence officer, who remarked that it was Saturday afternoon—Saturday afternoon! Fancy escaping from Germany and arriving in a British fortress on Saturday afternoon! I remarked to Woollett with simulated embarrassment that we had called on the wrong day.

After two days of beers, pink gins and yarn-swapping the escapers received orders to board a troopship for the journey home. As we climbed aboard an official of the Foreign Office met us and arranged to send messages to our families. Clad in a battle-dress without badges of rank I felt incongruous. I carried a new suitcase and still wore the same brown Army boots I had worn when I was captured at Calais.

Tomorrow: Home at Last.

HATE...NOT FOR MY CHILDREN

Pretoria. A part of the South African news picture you must meet the taxi-driver I had in Pretoria the other night, a monstrous great chap with a Ronald Colman moustache and hands that could crush your bones. His grandmother died in a British concentration camp in the Boer War.

His English was shaky and his wife, he said, spoke none at all.

A perfect Nationalist you would think. And yet, as we talked about the election, he told me he is going to Rhodesia as soon as he can get a job there. Why?

"Well, don't you see, man, there's too much hatred here. I didn't speak English till I joined the army and then I found that some of these Rooineks (British immigrants) were good-fellows, see. But now the Nationalists tell me they are no good and we've got to turn them all into South Africans."

"I don't want my children to grow up with so much hatred around, so I've asked to get a job driving lorries in Rhodesia."

Not only one

HE is not the only one. So many South Africans are pouring into that land of promise that the Rhodesians have had to slow down the rush.



**By Bernard
Wicksteed**

All through Natal, the most British province of the Union, I found English-speaking South Africans who said they were getting ready to go.

There was the innkeeper from Devon who put me on a sofa because his inn was full.

"I came here," he said, "thinking that South Africa was part of the British Empire. I joined the army here, and tried to make myself a good South African."

"But now these Nationalist boys who come into my bar tell me that I'll never be a South African unless I stop thinking of Britain, England, and Devon, and work to make the country a republic. So I'm getting out."

I put this Englishman's point of view to a young Nationalist reporter who shared the Press table with me at a political meeting. He was a nice fellow, who said he did not hate anybody, me say "Blumy."

"You have to understand," he said, "that a republic is the only way to unite the white people in this country."

"Once we get that the English-speaking South Africans will stop thinking about the Queen, and we shall all be one nation."

"But," said I, "that's just what the Crown is for. The whole idea of the Commonwealth is that allegiance to the Crown unites us all."

"Perhaps it does," he said, "but the trouble is it unites the African natives too, and we can't share any common allegiance with them."

Now meet Mrs Schmitt, a great, big, blonde housewife of 35 who canvassed for the Nationalists in Heidelberg, Transvaal.

"Why don't you write the truth about us in your papers overseas?" she said. "All we want is an Africa that is safe for the white man to live in and we are going to get it."

"If the English-speaking people won't come the whole way with us they can get out. They have somewhere else to go. But we Afrikaners haven't. We have been here 300 years and there is nowhere else that we can look to as home."

"I dare not..."

THE last South African I will mention is the valet at the hotel where I stayed in Johannesburg. He was a driver at Woodford, Essex, and wishes he was again.

He came out here because his daughter married a South African, and he was prepared to settle down and become a South African too.

Malenkov Gives China A Choice

By Patrick Maitland, M.P.

LONDON. Fuller, though still incomplete, texts of Russia's latest economic pact with China have now reached Whitehall. They confirm that Malenkov told Premier Chou En-lai plainly that Russia could not continue her support of China's war in Korea and at the same time provide for her industrialisation.

China could make her choice. But it is clear that Malenkov explained that if China wanted to prolong the Korean war she might have to do so unaided.

On March 26 Peking and Moscow announced several agreements. One dealt with the two countries' trade for 1953, another with Russia's promise of \$300,000,000 credits granted in an agreement in 1950. Yet another concerned Russian help in China's industrialisation programme.

The available texts are in tantalisingly general terms. But the protocol to the credit pact is the key.

Russia's credit promise was spread over five years. China is known, however, to have used that up in the first eighteen months, that is by mid-1951.

The new agreements are not stated to include any extension of Russian credits. If they had, Moscow would have trumpeted such generosity, even if China remained silent. It can be concluded, therefore, that no further credit is forthcoming. The credit agreement must therefore relate to repayment.

EXCHANGE

THE 1953 trade agreement envisages an exchange of Russian equipment to help China's metallurgical, mining machinery, power and chemical industries, as well as providing transport equipment, modern agricultural machinery, pedigree cattle and so on.

In return China is to send non-ferrous metals, rice, vegetable oils, grains, meat, tobacco, tea, fruit, wool, furs, raw silks, hides and leather goods. Since there are to be no credits, this is a direct barter arrangement. Previous experience of Russian practice suggests that exchanges will not only be required to balance up but must do so at prices acceptable to the USSR. In the past these have been well above world market prices.

The scale of Russia's exports to China will in future be measured against China's efforts. It is, therefore, to China's advantage to assume that China would seek from Russia such machinery as would help her to earn more machinery. Consequently, the volume of Russian agricultural machinery to be supplied will give a clue to the scale of the whole project.

The agreements were published on March 26. Two days later the Chinese Communists issued a new directive on guide.

agriculture. Collectivisation, which depends on adequate machinery being available, is to be drastically slowed down. A directive issued at the end of 1951 is thus reversed.

Now Party members are told: "Individual peasant economy will prevail for a considerable period. Precipitate haste and adventurism in forming collectives" would constitute deviationism.

More than this Peking has made, another important disclosure. Throughout the whole vast area of China, not more than ten tractor stations will be set up in 1953. All will be "experimental" and what appears to be the largest will only receive a modest sixteen tractors.

SMALL SCALE

THAT illustrates the relatively small scale on which Russia has agreed to provide machinery for agriculture to help expand Chinese exports which will pay for more industrial plant for the Five-Year Plan.

Such parsimony matches injunctions which the Russians have not blushed to broadcast. For Moscow Radio has been broadcasting a series of talks in Mandarin on "How Soviet Russia became a strong industrial nation."

These were most revealing. The first talk explained that Russia in the early days of her revolution could not rely on foreign loans, for the capitalist nations would not grant any. Stalin had shown that there was, in consequence, a single path: "The people must accumulate capital for socialism by their own energies."

It is a theme not unlike the jeremiads of Mr Butler, as Chancellor of the Exchequer, at the Commonwealth Economic Conference last autumn. It is a paraphrase of the slogan "Trade, not aid."

The second talk outlined five ways in which Russia had accumulated capital from her own resources. The country's land, transport, banks, and home and foreign trade were nationalised. Next, foreign indebtedness incurred by the Czarist regime was repudiated. Thirdly, the "landlord system" was abolished, freeing farmers from the need to "pay rent." This production costs were "cut and the resulting savings used as capital." Finally, the Government issued bonds and borrowed from the people's private savings.

IMPLICATION

TAKEN together, the import of these talks is clear, with regard to Sino-Soviet economic relations. But there is a "manifest implication."

If both parties prefer industrialisation to a war, in which Russia will only help China on a limited scale, the adventure in Korea must seem a costly extravagance.

No doubt there have been bitter exchanges as to the wisdom of having started the war. China has long since wished to end it, if private and diplomatic advice reaching the latter the Chinese Communists issued a new directive on guide.

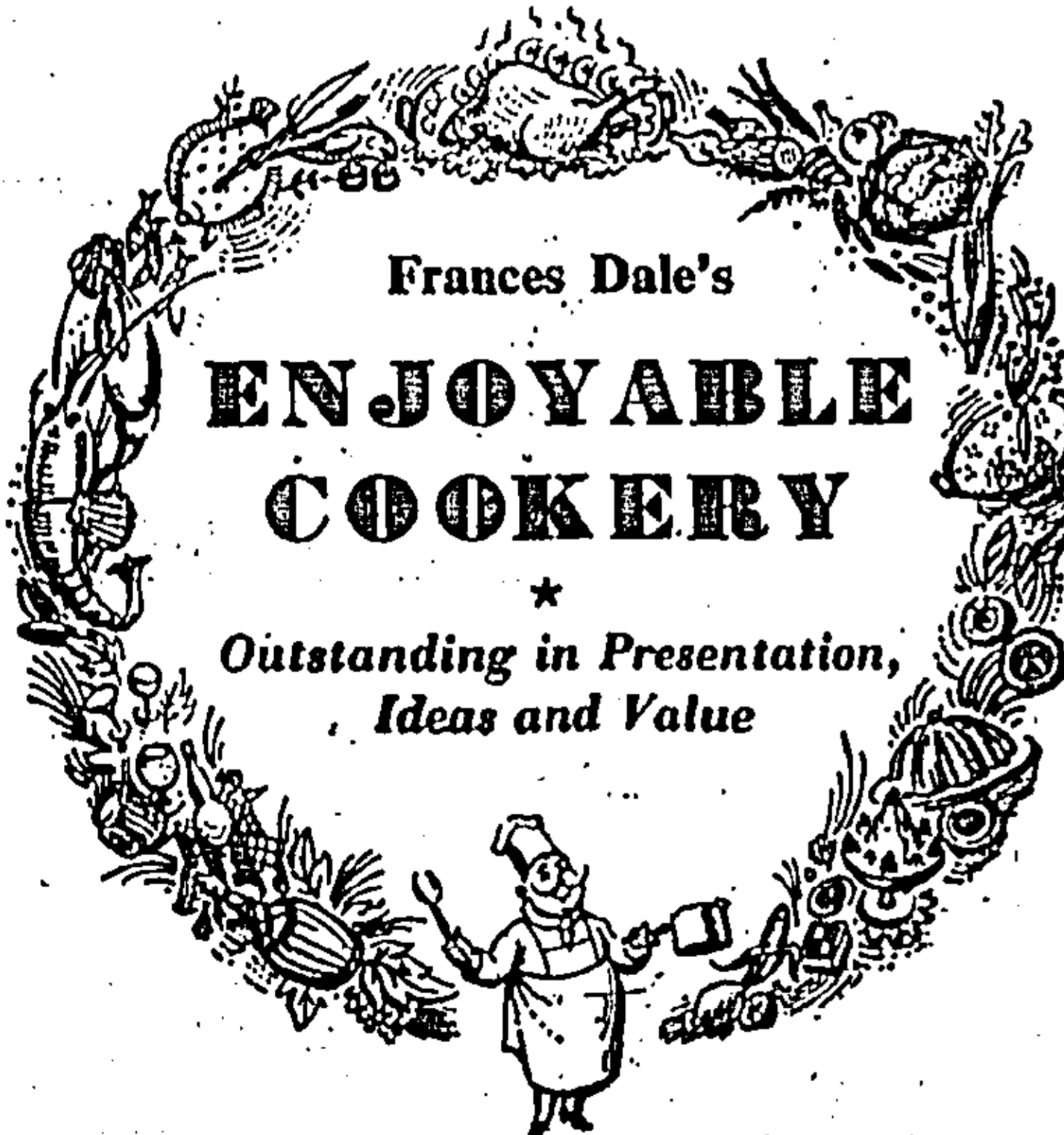
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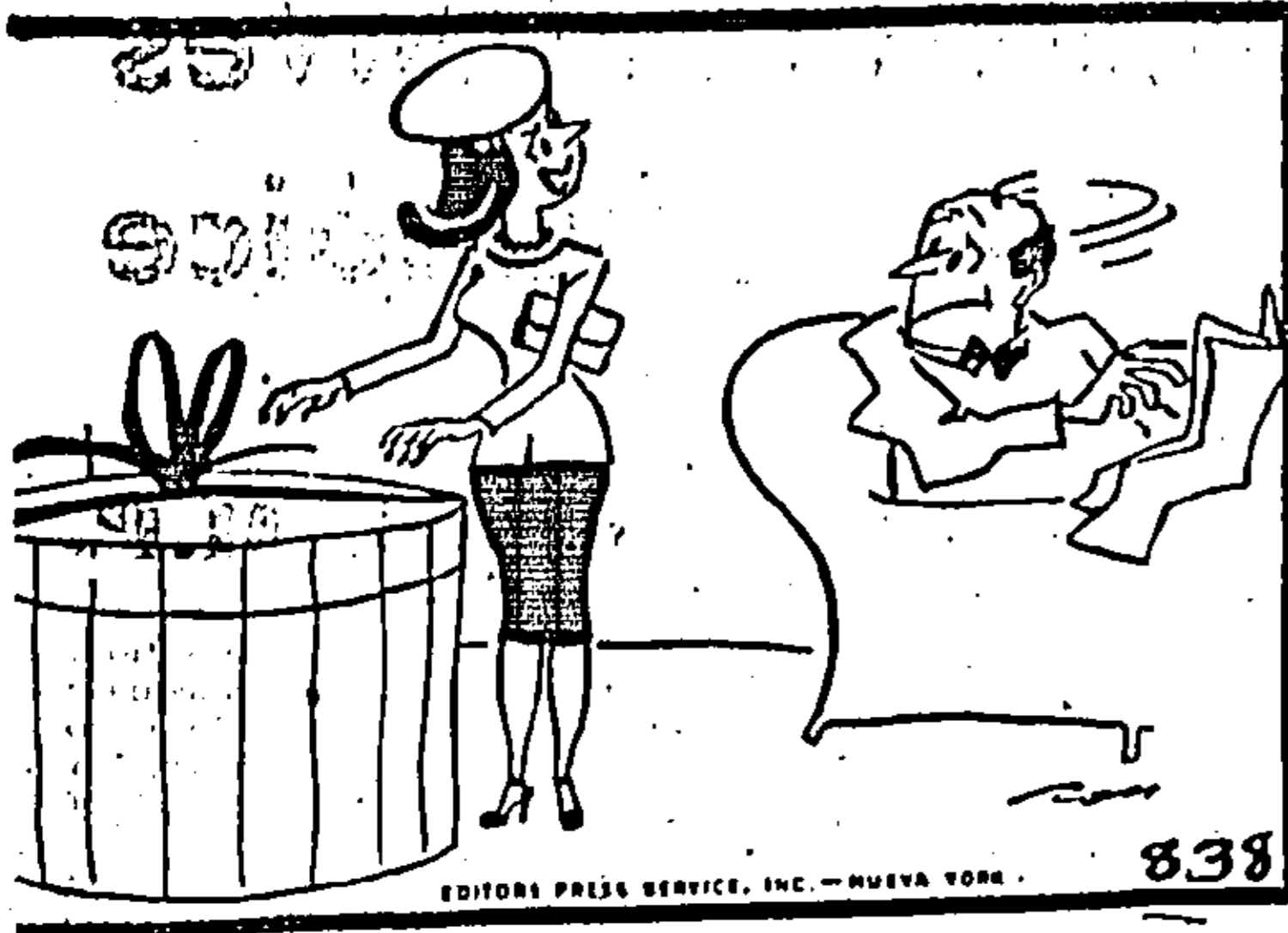
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TODAY is the traditional date of the death of Rabelais, in 1553. No man knows the date of his birth or of his death. But he was born in a farmhouse near Chinon which still stands. He was buried in the cemetery of the church of St. Paul in Paris, in the street which still bears that name.

The church and cemetery are gone. His bones lie beneath what is now, I believe, a film-theatre. The wine of Chinon, which he praised, is worthy of praise today. His statue in Chinon, a recent commemorative statue discovered that when Rabelais, tired of the "drunk," he used it in an allegorical sense. But I would like to hear the Master's comments on that.

Mr Rumpus comments

MR RUMPUUS has commented, somewhat quizzically, on the incident in which his wife was involved—

The poets have so far neglected me. I am a respectable life.

YOUR BIRTHDAY... By STELLA

FRIDAY, MAY 8

BORN today, you have been given rare talents but you are rather lacking in self-confidence. You are always belittling your own abilities and that will never do. For too often the world evaluates you on your own "say" and if you go through life, upholding for your shortcomings, others will begin to believe it. Deep inside you know you are good. Just don't be like the good cook who begs for compliments by saying this cake isn't as good as usual!

You will make a host of friends, for you have a gentle, sympathetic nature. You are always able to give good, sound advice. This is the best thing you can offer. It is unless asked to do so.

SATURDAY, MAY 9

TATIAN (Apr. 21-May 21)—If you can be of help to an elderly person, it will be good for you to offer assistance graciously.

GENIE (May 22-June 21)—A big time to catch up on all the odd jobs on the home front. How about your gardening, house repairs?

CANCER (June 22-July 22)—Reciprocate for favours granted you in the past. You will find that you are happier when the scales are evened.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)—A week end of spiritual and physical relaxation should be planned. Get outdoors for some good, fresh air.

YINGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)—This is a day when you will need to get things caught up at home, especially if you're a career girl.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)—Don't count on a promise until you actually see it materialize. Never count chickens until they're hatched.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 22)—Stay close to home today. This morning get the chores done in the afternoon so you can entertain close friends.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—Doing your good deed today will bring you a certain amount of personal satisfaction.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—Your week end chores need to be finished before you attempt to entertain.

DUMB-BELLS



WHAT'S HIS LINE?

DAN HYMAN

Re-arrange the letters to spell the solution.

JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Careful Thought Solves Problem

BY OSWALD JACOBY

WHEN dummy has a short suit and some trumps, declarer will usually try to make tricks by ruffing in the dummy. The defenders must usually lead trumps in order to prevent dummy from getting the trick. In today's hand the task of the defenders was complicated by the fact that the first trump lead had to come from the correct position.

West opened the queen of hearts and was allowed to hold the trick. Instead of continuing blindly with another round of hearts, West gave the matter careful thought. Dummy's short holding in diamonds was an obvious threat.

West did not want to lead the first trump away from his king, so he looked for a way to give his partner the lead. A heart

NORTH 7			
♠52	♥K953	♦K4	♣8432
WEST			
♠K84	♥QJ10	♦QJ95	♣K107
EAST			
♠63	♥A876	♦1002	♣AQ95
SOUTH (D)			
♠AQJ107	♥42	♦A873	♣J6
Neither side vul.			
South	West	North	East
1♠	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♠	Pass	Pass	Pass
Opening lead—♥Q			

continuation was hopeless, since South evidently did not intend to put up dummy's king.

If East had an entry in diamonds, he would get it, when-ever declarer led dummy's short suit. West therefore very properly shifted to clubs even though this meant leading away from his king.

East took the second trick with the ace of clubs and saw the indicated defence very promptly. When East shifted to a trump, South could do nothing better than try the finesse of the queen of spades. West won with the king of spades and returned a trump, thus leaving only one trump in dummy.

South could ruff one of his losing diamonds in dummy but still had to lose a diamond in addition to two hearts, two clubs, and a trump. He was therefore set one trick.

If West leads a second heart at trick two, declarer easily makes his contract. Even if West shifts to clubs at the third trick, South will win the first round of spades with the ace instead of trying a finesse.

Now declarer can take the top diamonds, ruff a diamond in dummy and get back to his hand by ruffing a heart. This leaves him in position to ruff his last diamond with dummy's nine of spades, a trick that assures the contract.

CARD SENSE

Q—The bidding has been:

South West North East

1 Diamond Pass 1 Heart Pass

?

You, South, hold: Spades 7-3,

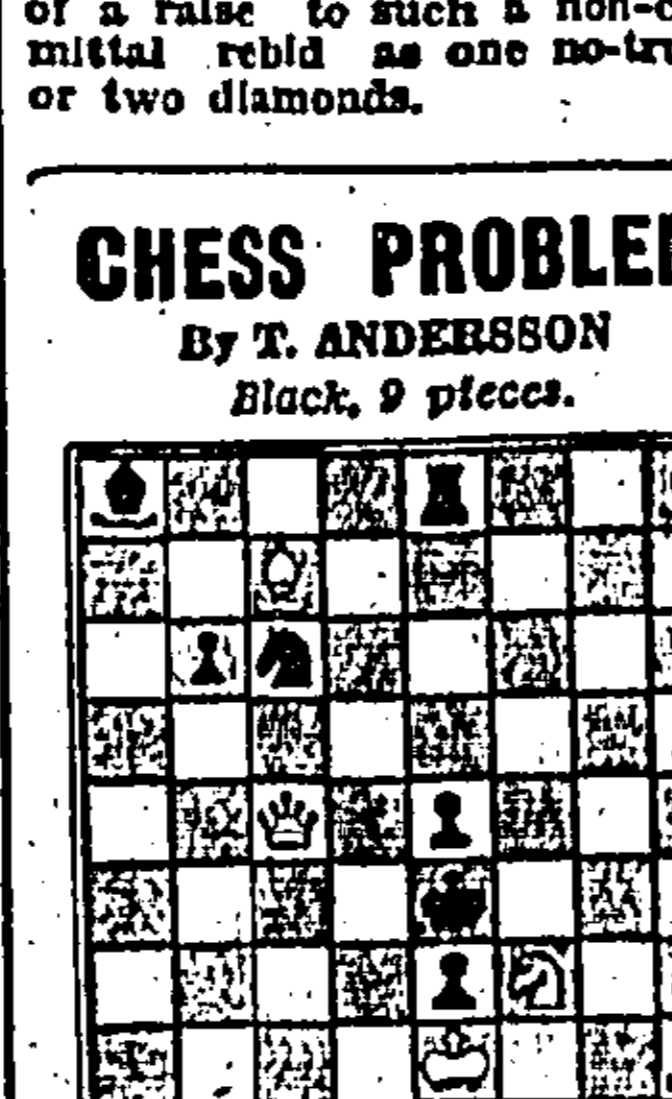
Hearts K-7-4, Diamonds A-Q-J-5-2, Clubs A-9-2. What do you do?

A—Bid two hearts. You have only 14 points in high cards, but you are entitled to count 1 point extra for the king of your partner's bid suit and 1 point for the doubleton in spades. With a total count of 16 points, you should prefer the encouragement of a raise to such a non-committal rebid as one no-trump or two diamonds.

CHESS PROBLEM

By T. ANDERSSON

Black, 9 pieces.



White, 5 pieces.

White to play; mate in two.

Solution to yesterday's problem:

1. Kt-Q6, any; 2. Q, or Kt mates.

WOMANSENSE

Let's have a new spring name for housewives



Let's find a new name for housewives this spring. A young man in America wants one. So do many British housewives.

Thirty-seven-year-old television producer, Garry Moore, recently attacked the label "housewife" as "a derogatory term for a woman who does a great job."

Argues Mr Moore: "Today it denotes a hum-drum category. It is terrible, because it makes so many married women explain themselves away with an apologetic 'I'm only a housewife.'"

Housewives have inundated him with fanmail and suggestions. Top ideas to date: Home Manager, Doctor of Humanities and Specialist in Living.

English housewives I have cross-examined agree with Mr Moore's sentiments, though not with his alternatives. Best idea so far comes from Mrs Spikes, of the National Institute of Houseworkers. Dignified, warm and expressive, it is Homemaker.

3-D BROCADE

IMPORTED laces are permitted again under licence. Of all summer materials, lace is one of the prettiest; the fact that it has been so scarce in recent

DONNET PARADE

Ballerina Violetta Elvin brought this donnet from Paris. In rose-plaid ruffled velvet, it is trimmed with a royal blue veil.

Also French is Mrs Graham Sutherland's choice. In Paris recently with her painter husband, she chose a pointed elfin cap in metallic shot green.

Flanist Eileen Joyce, who returned to concert playing recently after her breakdown, told me her spring purchase is in white cotton. "It's strictly for country, milking the cows and keeping me neat about the farm," she said.

by Eileen ASCROFT

years promises to make it a winner for social occasions in 1953.

Apart from English laces, I have seen beautiful samples of French and Italian Chantilly and rubrode laces, and also fine nets, ruffled or patterned with Colopha flowers.

Other elegant materials for Coronation festivities include a

three-dimensional brocade which can be cut any way: a spot chiffon, double, with a different colour on each side; and an unusual permanently pleated sheer nylon voile, dyed in an ombre effect.

One of the new acetate fabrics, already ordered for autumn couture collections, is boucle tweed.

The return to fashion of the printed silk afternoon dress brings beautiful patterns on sari and wild silk. Dior uses shantung with almost lifesize bird designs of Chinese character for his ready-to-wear summer dresses.

BEAUTY FOR MEN

INTERNATIONAL beauty queen Helena Rubinstein, sailing in the Queen Elizabeth, made this threat—or promise—to English men.

"Next time I come back it will be to launch a new line of cosmetics for men," Star turn will be an ozone cream designed to blow air back into tired businessmen's skins.

I asked Mme. Rubinstein, who in private life is a Russian princess with a fabulous jewel collection: "What is the most important beauty discovery in post-war years?"

"Hormones," was her verdict. "By eliminating lines and wrinkles they have brought the young look to middle-aged women." No woman under 50 today, using the correct cosmetics and beauty treatment, need show her age.

Madame is a good example of her own advice. Well over 70, she has hardly a line in her face and a skin that still has a bloom on it.

FAMILIES AT FORTY

THE triplets recently born to grandmother Mrs Ivy Spencer at Brighton, made the mother



the oldest woman in England to have triplets. Mrs Spencer is 48. Many women of her age and even over 50 are producing babies, even first ones.

A doctor told me that there are two main reasons for later births nowadays. Many modern women don't start families now until they are over 30; in the old days girls of 20 often had two or three babies.

Another reason is the different attitude to life of the middle-aged woman today. At 40 instead of feeling finished she knows that life is just beginning.

Hand-knit wool lace is new for holiday suits—this summer. The lace evening top and skirt sketched by Shavett weighs only four ounces, and is in black mohair with a linen thread.

MAYFAIR'S DOG SITTERS

NEWEST form of sitter has evolved in Mayfair—hired to keep lonely dogs company while mistresses are out dining. One dog watcher I talked to had 10s. 6d. a night regularly for keeping a dachshund called Frankie from being lonesome.

The owner of a nervous black miniature poodle tells me she has to pay her a crown an hour and provide a snack, "but it's worth it to keep him happy."

...AND A CORNER OF FASHION NEWS FOR MEN

Happy about suits? It won't last

MEN'S suits today are as cheap as they have been since the war. But don't start feeling happy, it won't last. Prices will soon be up again.

Prices of raw wool tops in Bradford are rising steadily. In four months prices have gone up nearly 10 percent," a director of a big tailoring firm tells me.

Cloth manufacturers are re-stocking their almost empty shelves and tailors report that after a buyer's strike, lasting almost a year, men are hurrying to order spring suits.

Apart from wool-buying activities, other tailoring charges have risen.

HOW right we were to forecast that male fashions would come from the leading feminine dress designers in London and Paris.

Monsieur Jacques Fath announces in New York that he will design fancy waistcoats for men; Dior has given his name to a range of neckties, and in London, Hardy Amies, who made many of the Queen's clothes for her Canadian tour, has launched a line of Coronet neckties made from silk squares.

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

Willy Tries to Sell Umbrellas

—But Mrs. Quack Objects and Carries Him Off!

By MAX TRELL

your umbrellas — umbrella!

Who'll buy umbrellas for the next shower! And Willy went right on shouting.

Quite A Crowd

By this time, quite a crowd had collected around Willy—Blackie the Beetle, Glive the Snail, Hoppy the Grasshopper, and several others. Like Knarf and Hanid, everyone wondered where Willy was going to get umbrellas to sell.

Finally Mrs Quack the Duck, came along. She knew all there was to know about rain! She agreed that a shower was on its way—and she knew what kind of umbrellas Willy was going to have to sell as soon as the rain-drops did begin falling!

"Willy's umbrellas will be toadstools," she said. "Everyone knows they come up right after the rain. But Willy has no right to sell them. Toadstool-umbrellas belong to everybody who finds them!"

Hardly had she finished speaking, when the black cloud that Swallow had seen came up over the hill. A moment or two later, it started to rain.

Carried Willy Off

And sure enough, the toadstools started popping up out of the ground. But Mrs Quack wouldn't let Willy sell any of them. She picked him up in her bill and carried him off, kicking and squealing. "Let me go! I've got umbrellas to sell... Umbrellas!"

Knarf and Hanid, and all the rest, picked the toadstools and ran off with them, holding them over their heads like regular umbrellas. Nobody got wet at all!

They all felt sorry for poor Willy. They couldn't help feeling that the toadstools really were his umbrellas even though they just grew up in the rain.

"After all," said Knarf, "Willy thought of them as umbrellas first. Everyone else only thought they were toadstools!"

Sure enough, beyond the next headland Rupert and Dan's little girl waving excitedly and they hurry to her. There, doesn't that prove we spoke the truth? she cries. Rupert stares in amazement. "All the things we left here!" he breathes.

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Rupert and Morwenna—42



"I thought they'd got washed out to sea." So they did! declares Morwenna. "Don't you understand? The tide carried them right out to sea. Now some body has brought them back and carefully put them at the edge of the water!"

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Ham Salad on Lettuce

Dressed Beans Country Style

Cornmeal Bread

Sliced Tomatoes and Cucumber

Plum Betty Whipped Topping

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Baked Beans Country Style

Pick over 1 lb. navy or pea beans. Put in a kettle. Add 2 qts. boiling water; cover and let stand 30 min. Add 2 tsp. salt. Cover and boil in the same water until the skins loosen. Then turn with the liquid into a 2 qt. casserole. Add 1/4 c. minced onion, 1/4 lb. salt pork, 2 tsp. unsulphured molasses, 1 tsp. table mustard and 1/4 tsp. pepper. Press the pork down to the bottom. Cover and bake about 2 hrs. in a moderate oven, 350 F., or until the beans are tender. Draw the pork to the surface and cut through the rind in squares. Bake 30 min. uncovered in a hot oven, 400 F. to brown. If necessary add a little water from time to time.

Trick of the Chef

When baking country style beans add 1/4 c. sour cream instead of salt pork.

AUSTRALIANS FORCE YORKSHIRE TO FOLLOW ON

Bradford, May 7. Yorkshire were forced to follow on when they were dismissed by the Australians for 145 in reply to the tourists' score of 453 for six declared. When stumps were drawn, the county had scored 26 for no wicket in their second innings.

Yorkshire made a tragic start. Len Hutton, England's captain last season, had his middle stump knocked back by Lindwall's fifth delivery.

With only 15 runs on the board, Hutton edged a ball from Lindwall to de Courcy at third slip. The Australian fast bowler's figures were then two for four runs.

Lester did not last long before making a catch to Langley behind the stumps off Davidson and Yorkshire had lost three wickets for only 28.

Half these runs came from the tall left-hander Wilson, who looked more confident than the others.

Wilson, another left-hander, joined Wilson and much depended on this pair. With the score at 48, however, Benaud produced a splendid off-break to Wilson which turned past the bat and took the top of the stumps.

Yorkshire's plight became much worse when at 55 Watson tried to open his shoulders to Benaud and fell to a stinging catch at mid-off, Davidson held a fast travelling ball just above his head.

Benaud took his third successive wicket when Sutcliffe gave him an easy return catch a run later.

Bowler Wardle hit out when he joined his captain, Yardley, and the pair had taken the

score to 85 by the tea interval. The fourth wicket fell at 48, the fifth at 55 and the sixth at 56.

SURPRISING
So easily did Yardley play all the bowling that the early failures seemed even more surprising. Unfortunately, for Yorkshire, apart from Wardle, he could not find anybody to stay with him. He and Wardle doubled the score, adding 56 for the seventh wicket and Yardley took out his bat for a splendid 50.

Benaud took the last four wickets after tea and finished with seven wickets for only 56, the best bowling figures of his career.

Yorkshire followed on 308 runs behind and at the close they required 282 runs to avoid an innings defeat with all their second innings wickets intact.

THE SCOREBOARD
Australia, 1st Innings—453 for six declared.
Yorkshire, 1st Innings—0.
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H. Halliday, c. de Courcy, b. Lindwall, 6.
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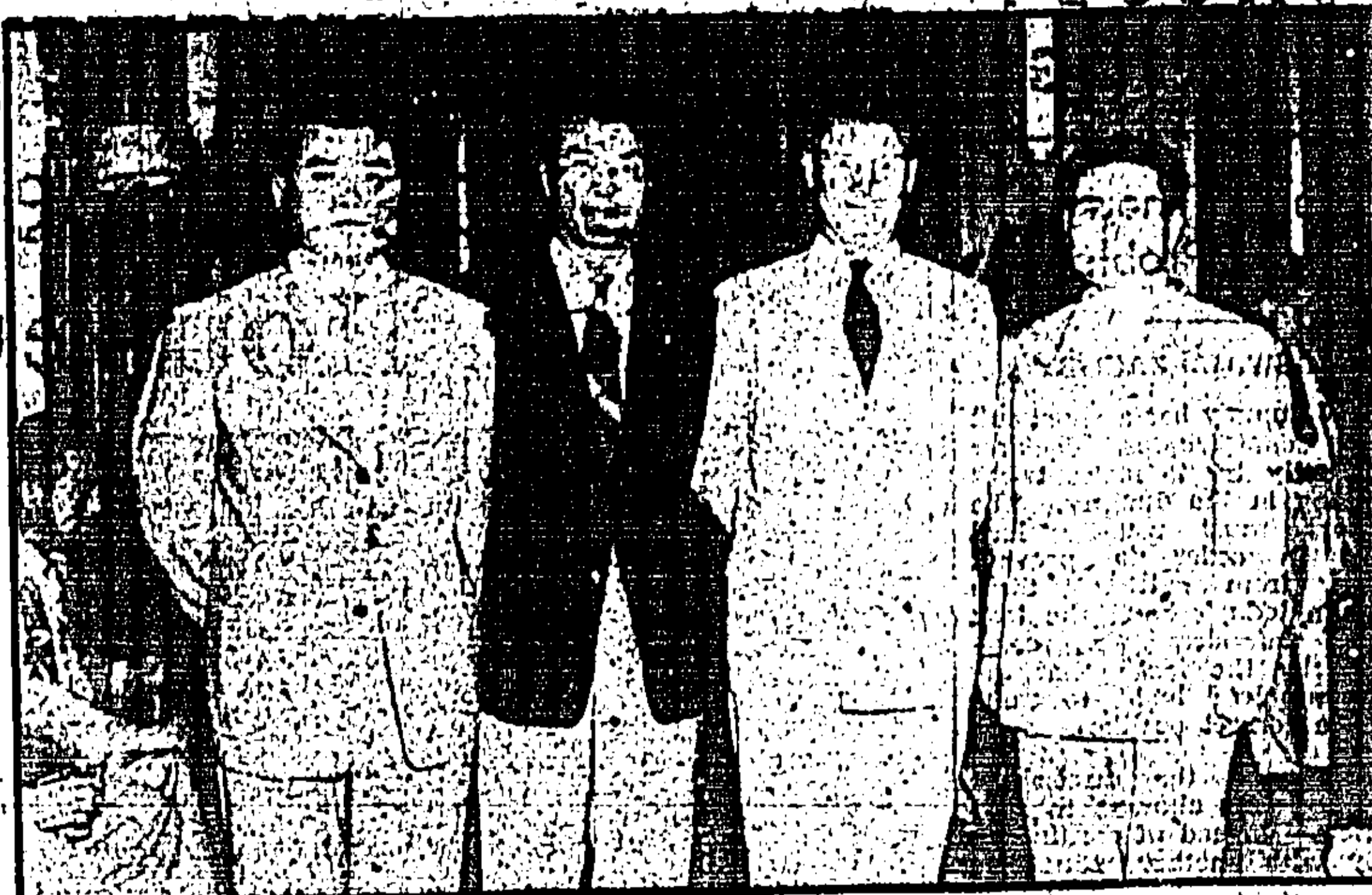
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KOREANS FETED



Mr Chang Yong Hak, Mr Wee Hay Duk and Mr Kim Hwa Jip of the Korean football tour party with Mr J. Skinner, Acting Chairman of the Hongkong Football Association, at the dinner given in honour of the visiting footballers at the Ying King Restaurant last night. — China Mail Photo.

Tomorrow's Chances At The Valley

The Hongkong Jockey Club's Thirteenth Race Meeting will be concluded tomorrow afternoon at the Valley and, given fine weather, should attract another large crowd of racing fans.

The first Sadding Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. with the first race starting at 2 p.m. sharp.

Another ten events will be down for decision, the most important of which will be the Cornwall Handicap. This is the fourth race on the programme and it will be contested over Six Furlongs.

Here are my estimates of the chances:

FIRST RACE
Stallions Handicap (First Section): From 2 Mile Post.

The programme opens with a race confined to Class 9 ponies.

This race will witness the return encounter between Bonnie Eyes (Mr Plumby) and Gracechurch (Mr Yen Ching-lan).

On the last occasion they met Bonnie Eyes had the better of Gracechurch by a head in the Yau-mat Handicap (Second Section) at the Easter Race Meeting.

Bonnie Eyes must command the most support but, although I am inclined to nominate it to win, I look to Gracechurch to give it a better fight and with a little luck reverse its last defeat.

For the third position Chief Witness (Mr Oliveira) and Fortune Teller (Mr S. W. Tang) will fight out the issue.

SECOND RACE
Chester Handicap: Six Furlongs.

Class 6 ponies will do battle in this race and I think the finish will be fought out between Pegasus (Mr Liu) and No Regrets (Mr Chuang).

Liberty Ships (Mr C. F. Ng) and Pleasant Valley (Mr Kwok) will be carrying 155 lbs. but this ought not to be too severe a handicap as it will be remembered that this pony won the Matakook Handicap from the 1½ Mile Post at the Easter Race Meeting while carrying 148 lbs.

No Regrets must be considered in view of its second placing in the above race.

Liberty Ship is not bad for this distance although it will have to perform much better to beat the other ponies in the race.

Pleasant Valley is doing good track work in its morning gallops and is not to be disregarded over this distance.

THIRD RACE
Devon Plate: Six Furlongs.

Confined to Class 10B ponies, Double Coin (Mr S. W. Tang) is about the best in this race in view of its second placing behind Skyrocket last Saturday in the Dorset Plate over the Mile.

While I consider that it has a good chance of winning here, I expect it to receive stiff opposition from Baylight (Mr Renfrew) which was third in the same race with Mr Travert up. Good Bay (Mr Botelho) and Windermere (Mr Samarcq) are not to be disregarded as they can give a good account of themselves against the others if given a good start.

FOURTH RACE
Cornwall Handicap: Six Furlongs.

This is the main event of the afternoon and is confined to Class 1 ponies. I don't think it will be far wrong in stating that Johnner (Mr Chuang) has the best recommendation for a win here.

Fire-glo (Mr Pote-hunt) may prove dangerous with Ben Lomond (Mr Boycott) also having a say in the matter.

Anna (Mr Ostroumoff), with 140 lbs. to carry, will probably attract little good support.

FIFTH RACE
York Handicap: One Mile.

This race will be contested by Class 2 ponies. Clonkeekle (Mr Samarcq), carrying 155 lbs. won the Plemie Bay Handicap from the 1½ Mile Post once round and in at the 12th Race Meeting.

It will be called upon to carry 155 lbs. more tomorrow and, in spite of the increase in poundage, I still believe it has a good chance of scoring another win.

The most dangerous opposition will come from Cinderella (Mr Botelho) as it was placed second in the Tungtowan Handicap over the two mile post at this Easter

Race Meeting. It should give Clonkeekle a great fight for the honours.

Morserman (Mr Renfrew) is also good and as it is fighting fit at the moment it will probably extend the above two ponies. As an outsider Squadron Leader (Mr Kwok) is worth following.

SIXTH RACE
Somerset Handicap: From 2 Mile Post.

Class 5 ponies will battle out the finish in this race. The ponies to watch are Fleeting Moment (Mr Ostroumoff), Air Power (Mr Kwok), Blossom Time (Mr Liu) and Solar Knight (Mr Ng).

Fleeting Moment is my choice, and I think it should win, but Air Power is that to be ignored as this pony can move and the distance is more to its liking.

Blossom Time and Solar Knight may have something to say with regard to the other position, but I don't think they can win.

NINTH RACE
Shropshire Handicap: 1½ Miles.

In this race, confined to Class 6 ponies, an interesting finish should ensue.

Ben Macdhuil won the Chung-wan Handicap (Second Section) at the Easter Race Meeting and is up another class. As it will again be taken out by Mr Kwok tomorrow, it has still a chance of repeating its previous success.

But it will have to be on its best form to stay off Deloitte's challenge as that pony will have Mr Ostroumoff's experienced handling.

Conqueror (Mr Tsai) is capable of extending both Ben Macdhuil and Deloitte.

As an outsider I recommend keeping Rose Emma (Mr Boycott) in mind.

TENTH RACE
Starford Handicap (Second Section): From 2 Mile Post.

This is the final event of the meeting in which the second lot of Class 9 ponies will settle the argument.

In view of Powerhouse's dismal failures at the last meeting many will think twice before backing this pony, but I am still of the opinion that it has the best recommendation for a win. It will again be taken out by Mr Renfrew.

Exquisite Love (Mr Ng) ran well on Wednesday morning, April 29, over six furlongs in 1.23.3—last quarter 28.1 seconds—and should give Powerhouse a strong challenge for the premier position.

Then there is Heliophyte (Mr Tsai), but this pony has disappointed so many times that I am not too confident regarding its ability to outrun the other runners.

Busy Bee (Mr Samarcq) is not a bad selection for a place bet.

As an outsider Golden Wing (Mr Yen Ching-lan) is worth following.

Henry Cotton Leads By 3 Strokes

Virginia Water, Surrey, May 7.

Britain's Ryder Cup team captain for this year's match with the Americans—Henry Cotton—holds a three-stroke lead in the Dunlop 2,000 Guinea Professional Golf Tournament which was continued on the west course of the Wentworth club here today.

With a midday 70 for his third round, he had an aggregate of 207, which put him four strokes ahead of South Africa's Bobby Locke, the holder and, like Cotton, three times winner of the Open Championship. Jimmy Adams, the genial Scot, now back in England after a year with the Royal Sydney Club, Australia, also headed Locke by a stroke, both he and the South African finishing in 72 today.

Forty-eight professionals and one amateur survived for the final two rounds of this 90-hole event, which will be played tomorrow also on the testing west course.

THRILLING GOLF

It was a thrilling day's golf as Locke, one of the earliest starters, set a really good pace, even though his golf was not inspiring.

Only by doing the last seven holes in par figures was he able to finish in level fours.

Then Eric Brown himself right back in the running with a brilliant 68, the best west course score of the present tournament, which has included one round on the easier east course.

Jimmy Adams then deprived Locke of his lead by equalling Locke's third round score, and so retaining the advantage he held over the first two rounds.

Cotton meanwhile was now on the middle of the course delighting his fans. He had bunkered an iron shot on the ninth, but that was his only slip in an outward 34, and even when he dropped a stroke at the short tenth he did not become rattled.

A 12-yard putt dropped at the 12th, and then Cotton matched Locke's finish to return in 30 for his 70 and a three-stroke lead from Adams.

Late in the day Arthur Lees, 72 for 215, also got near the top, while Johnny Fallon lost a great chance by taking 77 for 216.—Reuter.

"REST" TEAM TO PLAY THE CHAMPIONS

The selection of The Rest team, to play South China, the League Champions on Sunday, was made by the League Management Committee of the Hongkong Football Association yesterday.

The match will be played at 5 p.m. on the Club ground.

Following is the selection:

Cheung Koon-hing (Kit Chee) Hau Yung-kang (Sung Tao) Chan Kwan-tai (KMB) Chang Kam-ho (Eastern) (Captain) Bayliff (St. Joseph's) Hunt (Army) Mc-Bellamy (Club) King Lok-kang (Kwong Wah) (Reserve) (Secretary) (Navy) Swintell (St. Joseph's) Nien (Kwong Wah) Ho Ching-yun (Sung Tao) Seng Man (KMB) and So Sau-ming (CAA).

Earlier a proposal to play South China against a Korean visiting XI, in lieu of The Rest match, was rejected. It was pointed out that the Champions versus The Rest game was a fixture provided for in the Rules and should not be altered.

Memorial Cup Team Selected

The following have been selected to represent Non-Chinese Civilians against Combined Chinese on Saturday, in the Memorial Cup Final at the Club ground, kick off at 5 p.m.:

Millar (Club), Armstrong (Club), Strange (Club), Toledo (St. Joseph's), Castillo (St. Joseph's), Santos (St. Joseph's), Mullon (Club), Caplan (Gardner (Club), McDonald (Club), Rocha (St. Joseph's).

Reserves.—Taylor (Club), Xavier (St. Joseph's), Omar (St. Joseph's), Moss (Police), Forrow (Club). Team Manager.—Mr A. McAlpine.

Newmarket Stakes Final Acceptors

London, May 7.

Fourteen final acceptors for the Newmarket Stakes, running over 10 furlongs at Newmarket on Wednesday May 13, have been published here today.

Follows: Cyrus the Great, Rockwood, Masal King, Bal Doda, Woodcock, Why, Critchell, Liberator, Pinza, Spanish Star, Twister, Smoke Signal, Polydesian and Caplain. All carry nine stone.—Reuter.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Twenty-fifth Annual Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders of China Underwriters, Limited, will be held at the Offices of the Company, 4A Des Voeux Road Central, Hong Kong, on Tuesday, the 26th day of May, 1953 at noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors and a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1952, and of electing Directors and Auditors.

The Transfer Books and Register of Members of the Company will be closed from 10th May, 1953 to 26th May, 1953, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
E. R. CHILDE,
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Princess To Have Simple Wedding

Oslo, May 7.

Princess Ragnhild Alexandra, 22-year-old daughter of Crown Prince Olav and Crown Princess Martha of Norway, has chosen a simple ceremony in the village church near her father's country estate for her wedding on May 15 to Mr Erling Lorentzen.

But a Princess, even when she marries a commoner in her own village church, cannot escape completely from regal limelight and so, although court officials describe the wedding as "a family affair" it will have all the elements of a traditional Royal wedding.

Thousands of sightseers are expected to line the flower-bordered lanes, now lush with the brightness of Norwegian spring-time, as the Princess drives with her father from his country home at Skaugum Manor up a hill to the church at Asker.

In the church, where normally the Crown Prince and his family worship with the villagers, more than 600 guests will have been crowded in. They will include the King and Queen of Denmark and Princess Margaret, sister of Queen Elizabeth II of Britain. With the royalty and near-royalty will also be the ordinary Norwegian folk, including the staff from the bride's father's home.

From the outside the church is a rather ordinary-looking red brick edifice with a tower and a steeple topped by a cross. It was built at the end of the last century on the site of the old Asker Church which burnt down in the 1870s.

Inside it has bright white walls and the woodwork, the wooden pillars and the beams of the ceiling are painted in bright colours after the custom in the Lutheran churches of Norway.

BAROQUE STYLE
 The pulpit and altar-piece, both in the baroque style dating back to about 1700, were salvaged from the old medieval stone church when it burnt down and now form a picturesque part of the new interior.

There will be no other lighting than daylight in the body of the church, but the chancel, decorated with a painting of the Ascension, will be brilliantly lit, forming a fine framework for the young pair as they pledge their troth before Bishop Elvind Berggrav.

The pews are being painted, a new carpet is on order for the chancel aisle, and new red lace curtains round the semi-circular altar are being sewn.

A local artist has designed and embroidered in petit-point a piece of tapestry to hang over the pulpit reading desk. On it are the date of the wedding.

REAL LOVE-MATCH
 Most of the royal guests will sit on special chairs in the small chancel, but cushioned chairs are to be placed in front of the pews for other distinguished guests.

The romance of the shy young Princess and her yachting companion who won fame during the war as one of the youngest district leaders of Norway's patriotic resistance forces, has captured the romantic feelings of the public.

The announcement of their engagement was received with enthusiasm in Norway. A real love-match, people said, and the bridegroom-to-be, although not of the royal blood soon won a place in the hearts of all Norwegians.

After her marriage the Princess will keep her royal privileges and will be known as "Princess Ragnhild, Mrs Lorentzen". The fact that she is marrying a commoner makes no difference to the line of succession to the throne as this goes only through the male line in Norway.—Router.

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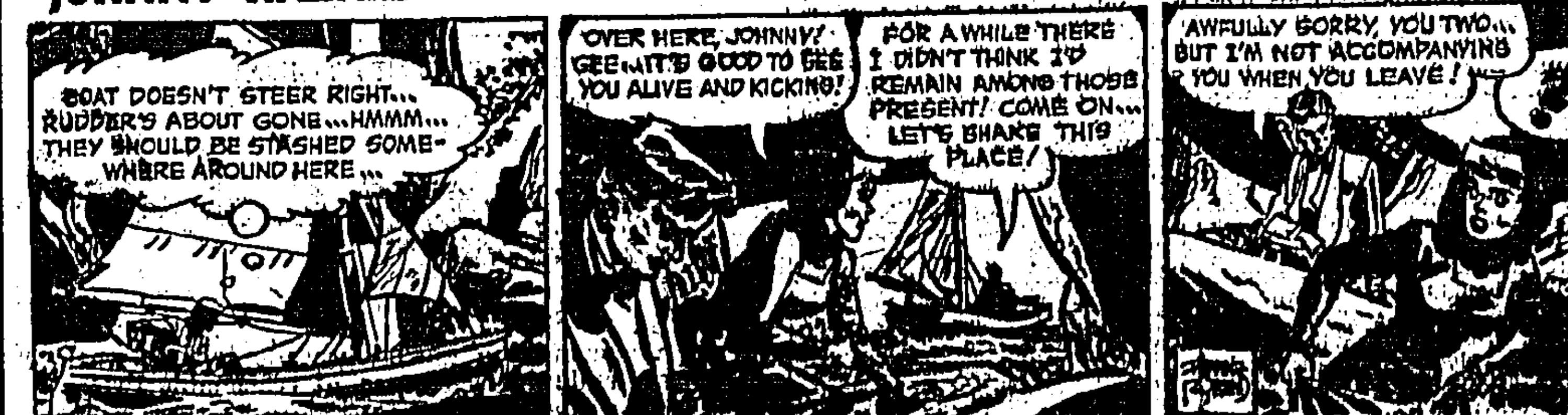
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NIZAM SELLING TREASURES

Calcutta, May 7.
 The Nizam of Hyderabad, reputedly the world's richest man, is selling the treasures of the Sabo Palace, Calcutta. This is the gilt and marble mansion which used to be permanently kept ready to receive the shy, plainly-dressed little man, who despite his fabulous wealth in gold and silver, precious stones and ornaments, spends nothing on himself.
 And the Palace has been turned into an auctioneer's room as some of the Nizam's carefully hoarded belongings were put under the hammer.
 But it is not only princely objects that are being sold hard-up. A set of 12 Venetian glasses made for one of Imperial Russia's Romanoffs, sold for as little as £270, a Louis XVI suite of a settee and four chairs, fetched only £21—less than a modern suite of furniture.
 The crowd in the main hall stared in wonder at the exquisite treasures in Sevres, Dresden, Japanese and Chinese porcelain—representing a minute fraction of the Nizam's wealth—riches estimated at £400,000,000.
 But they had come to look not to buy.
 Sabo Palace once belonged to millionaire racehorse owner, J. C. Galstan, who sold it to the Nizam after losing a fortune on the India turf.
 King George V and Queen Mary were entertained there during their Delhi-Durban visit, as was also the Prince of Wales during his 1921 visit.
 Now Kent Schools

London, May 7.
 Three new hotels, costing £240,000, will be opened at Maidstone, Kent, next Wednesday.—Router.

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Sequel To Devaluation Of Drachma In Greece

Athens, May 7. Special police squads are facing the major cities of Greece to keep a tight watch on the wholesale price, following the government's recent 50 per cent devaluation of the drachma.

With the government openly planning success or failure of its economic campaign on the basis of the price of the drachma, the ministerial committee was granted broad powers to approve or disapprove applications for price increases.

Some items already have been permitted, but the closest possible watch has been established to prevent repetition of skyrocketing prices which have plagued the nation since the Nazi invasion. Informed government quarters believe that controlled rises of 35 per cent on the most needed commodities will be sufficient without jeopardizing the economy.

Rises of 10 to 25 per cent already have been approved for gasoline, oil, bus fares and freight, while foreign cables and telephone fees have been doubled.

To prevent development of shortages, the government temporarily banned exports of olive oil, rice and cotton.

Three principal objectives of the devaluation are:

1. Increase of agricultural exports with the resulting improvement in the balance of payments.
2. Increase of collections on taxes and duties and the possibility of a balanced budget next year.
3. Increase in capital investment from abroad which is reported to be the major topic of discussion when co-ordination Minister Spiro Markezinis visits Washington this month.

The government believes that trade restrictions will be necessary and it already is drafting a decree to liberalize trade within the intra-European payments union. It was understood, however, that the American mission here already has requested extension of the liberalization to the U.S. — United Press.

The Rubber Markets

Singapore, May 7. Prices of rubber futures closed today as follows:

Number 1 rubber, per lb.	23 1/4
Number 2 rubber, per lb.	23 1/4
Number 3 rubber, per lb.	23 1/4
Number 4 rubber, per lb.	23 1/4
Spot rubber, per lb.	23 1/4
Blanket crepe, per lb.	23 1/4
No. 1 pale crepe, per lb.	23 1/4

LONDON MARKET
London, May 7. Prices of rubber futures closed today as follows:

Number 1 rubber, per lb.	23 1/4
Number 2 rubber, per lb.	23 1/4
Number 3 rubber, per lb.	23 1/4
Number 4 rubber, per lb.	23 1/4
Spot rubber, per lb.	23 1/4
Blanket crepe, per lb.	23 1/4
No. 1 pale crepe, per lb.	23 1/4

NEW YORK MARKET
New York, May 7. No. 1 standard rubber futures closed 45 to 70 points lower with sales of 50 contracts.

No. 3 contract closed nominally 80 points lower with no sales reported. The market developed an easier tone reflecting the lack of buyer interest.

In the spot market, a little factory interest was detected by some traders. Spot No. 1 ribbed smoked sheets were quoted at 25 1/2 cents a pound.

Prices closed as follows:

May	23 1/4
June	23 1/4
July	23 1/4
August	23 1/4
September	23 1/4
October	23 1/4
November	23 1/4
December	23 1/4
January	23 1/4
February	23 1/4
March	23 1/4
April	23 1/4
May	23 1/4

Cotton Futures In New York

New York, May 7. Cotton futures today failed to rally from a lower start, finishing the session around their lows. Following an earlier opening, prices were held under pressure by scattered liquidation and hedging. Never more than 80 cents a bale below the preceding day's closing, prices of cotton futures were always in a position for a rally but one was not forthcoming.

Prices closed as follows:

Spot	34.25
July	34.25
August	34.25
September	34.25
October	34.25
November	34.25
December	34.25
January	34.25
February	34.25
March	34.25
April	34.25
May	34.25
June	34.25
July	34.25
August	34.25
September	34.25
October	34.25
November	34.25
December	34.25
January	34.25
February	34.25
March	34.25
April	34.25
May	34.25

In Communist China Proving A Boomerang

REMARKABLE RETREAT BY PEKING

By SYDNEY J. CAMPBELL
Reuters Financial Editor

London, May 6.

Even more remarkable than Yugoslavia's retreat from collectivisation is China's. In January the Chinese Communist Government decided to reduce by 30 per cent the expansion of industry planned for this year, on grounds of shortages of materials and skilled labour.

In March, just after Stalin's demise, it rebuked "impatient and adventurist" tendencies among party officials in the countryside, emphasising that work by peasants on their private holdings was "perfectly legal" and that they must not be forced into collective organisations against their will.

As an article in The Economist points out, all Communist Governments find that agrarian reform is a boomerang. "Giving the landlord's land to the peasant in private ownership is a wonderfully effective tactic in the period of revolution, but the price has to be paid when it comes to forced industrialisation in the Communist manner."

The peasant who has become the owner of his land expects to be better off than when he was an oppressed tenant, but he gains nothing if his Government takes everything in taxes or forced deliveries that he formerly paid in rent. In fact, in Eastern Europe, the Governments have to try to get him to deliver a larger proportion of his crop than before, because experience everywhere is that total output is reduced when estates are parcelled out among their former workers who become peasant proprietors.

A solution by inducing the peasants to deliver more, by way of offering them larger supplies of the consumer goods, is ruled out while the cold war forces all the plans to concentrate on heavy industry.

ONLY WAY. The main theme of the ECE's analysis of Eastern Europe was that the Governments could not relieve their agricultural weakness only by going back on their plans for heavy industry. The ideal Communist solution is collectivisation, not merely as a matter of Socialist theory but as the only practical purpose of (1) transforming the independent peasant-producer into a wage worker no longer able to decide the quantity of his output or to withhold it from the market; (2) creating conditions in which surplus manpower can be attracted away from the countryside into industry; (3) reducing the agricultural output, and so raising agricultural productivity—and reducing food consumption in the countryside, releasing more food for the towns.

It seems highly significant that this solution has proved impracticable for both Yugoslavia and China, respectively the independent and the least dependent Communist countries. That the attempt at the collectivisation solution causes intense strain in the dependent East European satellites is beyond doubt.

When the Economic Commission for Europe said that the "big weakness" of the East European Governments was their inability so far to control the "balance of payments" between industry and agriculture, it pointed out that it was using the phrase almost literally, since the peasants resemble foreign capitalist countries which the Governments cannot control and with which, instead, they have to trade.

CLOSE ANALOGY. "The analogy with the balance of payments between a whole economy and the outside world is quite close: the peasants represent a sector in some ways almost as much outside control as foreigners are outside national controls. Farm incomes have tended to outrun the plan when harvests were bad. Paradoxically, the same would be true in years when harvests were exceptionally good. This is because farm prices for compulsory deliveries are fixed before the harvest."

In this dilemma, the East European Governments have been driven to something even more extreme than collectivisation, namely outright nationalisation of land in state farms. On the latest figures, in all five of the major East European satellites (Poland, Czechoslovakia, East Germany, Hungary and Rumania), state farms have taken larger than they ever did in Russia in the 1930s. In three of the five (Poland, East Germany and Rumania) there is more land in state farms than in collectives—a situation which never existed in Russia. In Poland, the extreme case, the state farms in 1952 had four times as much land as the collectives. It hardly seems probable that the intense difficulties of collectivisation can be solved by the still more extreme course of outright nationalisation, or that the weak Eastern European coun-

ANOTHER DULL DAY IN STOCKS

New York, May 7.

The stock market was a dull affair again today. Prices declined enough to erase \$500,000,000 from the total market valuation but in extremely slow trading. Volume for the session was the smallest in a session since October 30.

The big strides in the Korean peace negotiations had little effect on market behaviour, according to the analysts. The consensus is that the market has long since discounted a final armistice in Korea and the current dullness is seen as largely a matter of waiting for new Washington developments.

As measured by averages, industrials were down 71 cents, rails 70 cents and utilities 10 cents. Of 1,000 issues traded, 575 finished lower, 263 were unchanged and 222 higher.

In oils, Texas Pacific Land Trust fell 4 to 128, Houston Oil a point to 75. Santa Fe dropped 1 to 92 1/2. Steel moved narrowly. Chrysler dropped a point to 70 in motors. General Motors eased 1/2 to 63 1/2.

Down Jones averages at the end of the session stood as follows:

30 Industrials	277.43
20 Rails	103.60
15 Utilities	50.90
40 Bonds	149.95

—United Press.

Monthly Index For Shipping

London, May 7.

The Freight Index Committee set up by the Deep Sea Transport Section of the UK Chamber of Shipping has completed its review of the method of compiling the monthly index for tramp shipping.

Among its recommendations, which have been accepted by the Standing Committee of the Section and now go before the Deep Sea Transport Section, the committee urged the inclusion of time charter rates, other points made by the committee include:

(1) Forward fixtures should continue to be taken into account in the month in which the fixture is made.

(2) Following a full analysis of information collected from UK tramp owners for 1951 recommendation will be formulated as to the changes to be made for 1953 in the basic trades and their "weighting" and for the periodical revision of the index in the future.

(3) In present circumstances dollar fixtures should not be introduced into the calculations. —Router.

Exchange Rates
Business was done in the local unofficial market this morning at the following rates:

Bank of China (per 100)	12.25
Bank of Communications (per 100)	12.25
Bank of East Asia (per 100)	12.25
Bank of Indochina (per 100)	12.25
Bank of Japan (per 100)	12.25
Bank of Korea (per 100)	12.25
Bank of London (per 100)	12.25
Bank of Manila (per 100)	12.25
Bank of Peking (per 100)	12.25
Bank of Shanghai (per 100)	12.25
Bank of Singapore (per 100)	12.25
Bank of Siam (per 100)	12.25
Bank of Sumatra (per 100)	12.25
Bank of Taiwan (per 100)	12.25
Bank of Thailand (per 100)	12.25
Bank of Vietnam (per 100)	12.25
Bank of Yunnan (per 100)	12.25

Red Tape To Go

Taipei, May 7. The Government is considering streamlining trade and exchange regulations in order to facilitate import and export trade in Formosa, the Chinese press reported today. — United Press.

HONGKONG SHARE MARKET

(From Our Correspondent)

Business done on the Stock Exchange this morning amounted to \$420,000. Most quotations and the morning's transactions were as follows:

Bank of China	1440
Bank of Communications	1440
Bank of East Asia	1440
Bank of Indochina	1440
Bank of Japan	1440
Bank of Korea	1440
Bank of London	1440
Bank of Manila	1440
Bank of Peking	1440
Bank of Shanghai	1440
Bank of Singapore	1440
Bank of Siam	1440
Bank of Sumatra	1440
Bank of Taiwan	1440
Bank of Thailand	1440
Bank of Vietnam	1440
Bank of Yunnan	1440

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JOHN CLARKE'S CASEBOOK

A Girl On The Run

CAROL was born in South Wales 17 years ago. And when she was still a child she began to think of the green hills that kept the valley where she lived as prison walls confining her.

The people of the valley seemed to her starchy and strict as wardens and wardresses, and she longed to be free.

Carol dreamed of London and fed her mind upon stories she read that painted London as a place where no one worked or worried or wondered about tomorrow; a city where millions all lived in Park Lane and dined upon champagne and caviare, whatever caviare might be.

To acclimatise herself for the big change she knew must come one day, the change from the straitlaced valley to the sophisticated, gay town, Carol went first to Cardiff.

VAGUE VALUES

THERE she met up with a set of people who had no roots and a set of values as vague and half-baked as her own.

Had she but known, she was experiencing in Cardiff very much the same kind of life that London offers to those who arrive with notions like hers.

It was not long before she was picked up in Cardiff and declared to be in need of care and attention. Carol was sent to an approved school in a staid West Country watering-place.

She submitted for a short time to discipline and plain living that the school imposed, but she could not stand it for long.

One day she ran away and headed for London, which now appeared to her not only for its glamour, but for the chance its hugeness offered of losing herself to the authorities. For now she was a girl on the run.

SEEDY SET

IN London Carol was welcomed as a recruit by the same seedy set of people as had provided her with company in Cardiff. They were not pleasant people.

Then the police received a telephone call telling them where Carol was living, and as the message was anonymous, there is no knowing what

10 MEN REPULSE MASS ATTACK

Nairobi, May 7.—Ten men of the 4th Battalion King's African Rifles tonight fought off a mass attack by 250 terrorists armed with rifles and Sten guns in the Fort Hall reserve.

The patrol, who suffered no casualties, killed or wounded about 20 terrorists.—Reuter.

Woman Driver Found Guilty & Cautioned

After deferring judgment from Tuesday in a case of alleged careless driving against Mrs Irene Penn, of 193 The Peak, Mr Thomas Tam cautioned the defendant after finding her guilty at Central this morning.

The Magistrate deferred the judgment to enable himself, the Prosecuting Officer, and Defence Counsel to visit the scene of the accident.

Defendant was represented by Mr H. Cairne.

While the complainant Chu Yiu-chong was driving along Mount Kellet Road around 4 p.m. on February 6, the defendant's car, emerging from an obscure side road, collided with his vehicle, causing damage to the front left mudguard. The left headlamp of the defendant's car was also damaged.

In mitigation, Mr Cairne said that the defendant had long experience in driving, and was very familiar with Mount Kellet Road. She had never had a previous blemish on her driving record.

The defendant's driving licence was ordered to be endorsed.

Dishonoured Cheque

A young woman, Koo Shin-chun, of 57 Ng Tsin Wai Road, was the plaintiff in an action before Mr Justice Reece at the Supreme Court this morning concerning a dishonoured cheque.

Koo claimed that the cheque was given to her by Stephen Chow, of the Nanyang Development Co. of Holland House, in payment of a loan, but the bank refused to pay on it.

Proving her case in view of the absence of the defendant, Koo said that she loaned Chow \$2,500 last October and he gave her the cheque dated October 10. She informed him subsequently that it had been dishonoured, but he had only returned her a total of \$250 since.

Mr Justice Reece awarded her judgment for \$2,200 and \$5 costs.

Negligent With Shotgun

Commenting that his negligence had been very dangerous and that he might have hurt some other people, Mr Lawrence Leong at Central this morning fined Cheung Sun, 29, a watchman, \$100 for negligent discharge of firearms.

The Magistrate warned defendant that he had better take more care in future with firearms. He would deal leniently this time in view of the fact that defendant had injured himself.

Inspector S.S. Chan said defendant was taking his meal at the back of 414 Hennessy Road, ground floor, on Saturday. At the time he had his shotgun with him.

The defendant held the gun by its barrel and as he put it upon the table the gun went off and injured his hand.

Radio Hongkong

H.K.T. Time Signal and Program Summary for Children's Half Hour presented by Sally Ann (Studio) Jennifer in London, by Howard Jones, Jennifer at Kingston (BDCTS); 6.30, Old Time Ballroom; 7, Star Performer—Gracie Fields with Chorus & Orch.; 7.15, Talking about Hongkong by Dr. B. G. Davis and Rev. Father T. E. Ryan (Recorded); 7.30, Melodious Studio Melodies—The Melachino Orch. cond. by George Melachino (Recorded); 7.50, Weather Report; 8, Time Signal and World News (London Relay); 8.10, Election Talk by Candidate for Urban Council—Dr. R. H. S. Lee (Recorded); 8.15, Music composed by Curtis London (Studio); 8.30, The Mayor of Canterbury by Thomas Hardy, Music composed by Curtis London (Studio); 8.45, The Mayor of Canterbury (BDCTS); 9, Music lovers' hour—Classical Requests presented by Curtis London (Studio); 10, Science Survey—Britain's Giant Radio Telescope by A.C.E. Lovell (Recorded); 10.15, Boulevard Cafe—Bernardo Alamy and his Orchestra; 10.30, Record Round-up—Best of the Week (Recorded); 11, Radio News Reel (London Relay); 11.15, Goodnight Music, God Save The Queen; 11.30, Close down.

PROMOTIONS

The following appointments in the Royal Hongkong Defence Force were listed in today's Gazette: Sgt G. J. Bell and Sgt N. W. G. Marsh to be Pilot Officers.



Madame Afroya Chowdhury, one of the first Company of Pakistan Dancers, ever to visit England, rehearses for the Company's first performance. She is the wife of Bulbul Chowdhury, leader of the Company. — London Express.

SAAR PUTS A SPANNER IN THE WORKS

Luxembourg, May 7.—The tiny frontier state of the Saar, with a population of 1,000,000, today threatened to paralyse the 15 nations in the Council of Europe until and unless France and Germany came to terms over its future.

The Saar, an associated member of the Council, refused to agree to a formula designed to overcome Franco-German differences over the signing of five conventions ready for final approval by the Council's Committee of Foreign Ministers.

Highly-placed sources said that at today's Ministerial meeting the Saar Minister, the Senator, Herr Ernest Hecker, rejected the proposed solution, which would have allowed member states to adhere to the conventions without actually signing them. He demanded that the Saar be allowed to sign.

Political quarters here consider that if the present deadlock over the Saar continues, the outlook for the Council is bleak.

The Council's Foreign Ministers Committee today called for a closer relationship between the Council and all other European organisations. It decided to invite non-member states to become associates.

PERMANENT BODY

The setting up of a permanent senior body to supervise the day-to-day running of the Council, which was agreed by the Ministers yesterday, was referred to their governments for final approval.

M. Paul van Zeeland, Belgian Foreign Minister, told a press conference at the end of the two-day Ministerial meeting over which he presided that the resolutions calling for closer relationship between the Council and other European organisations aimed at keeping the Council "at the very centre of all European political activities."

He said his proposal for transforming the Ministers' Deputies into permanent representatives, making up a body similar to the North Atlantic Permanent Council, had been agreed to in principle by the Foreign Ministers.

The proposal had been sent on to member governments for their endorsement and M. van Zeeland was optimistic that the new group would soon come into being.

He said one of their resolutions called on member states to give all possible help in the form of material aid, housing and facilities for immigration, to the thousands of East Germans who had fled to West Berlin. They proposed to appoint for one year a High Commissioner for refugees to ease this and the over-population problem in Europe.—Reuter.

Gazette Announces Appointments

The Hon. Mr Justice Trevor Gould has been appointed Chairman of the Public Services Commission, vice the Hon. Mr Justice Ernest Hillis Williams, according to the Government Gazette today.

Other appointments listed were: Mr A. W. Brand to act as Chief Officer, Fire Brigade, during the absence of Mr W. J. Gorman; Mr Joseph Paul Hewitt to act as a Senior Surveyor of Ships; Mr Vernon Forster Clarke to act as Commissioner, Essential Services Corporation; Mr G. M. Tregler, the Hon. John James Cowperthwaite to be a Director of the Widows' and Orphans' Pensions during the absence of the Hon. A. G. Clarke; Mr Wong Young-yih to be an Assistant Superintendent of Mines, Labour Department; Mr W. E. Levis to be an Architect, Public Works Department; Miss Isobel Mary Ord to be a Nursing Sister; Mr Thomas Seach to be Land Surveyor, P.W.D.; Messrs Leung Ping-hin and Fung Yul-shu to be Justices of the Peace.

To be members of the Appeals Board constituted under the Education Ordinance: Miss Bobbie Madeleine Kotewell, Mrs Tsung Tso Lai-ki, Rev. Fr. E. Cronin, Messrs W. M. T. Tam, D. Benson, H. Noble, Y. B. Li, I. S. Wan.

Mr F. E. D'Almeida Remedios to be a member of the panel of the Board of Review; Mr H. J. Armstrong to be a member of the Board of Inland Revenue; the Hon. Dhun Jehangir Ruttonjee to be a member of the Traffic Advisory Committee during the absence of Mr Fung Ping-fan.

To act as members of the Council of the University: the Hon. J. J. Cowperthwaite, the Hon. C. E. M. Terry.

China Underwriters Has Another Good Year

In his statement to shareholders which has been circularised today, Mr H. J. Armstrong, Chairman of the Board of Directors of China Underwriters, Ltd., expresses the opinion that the results for 1952 were good.

It is proposed to pay the same dividend as the previous year, namely 29 cents per share on each Ordinary Share and \$989.87 on each Founders' Share, free of tax.

The annual general meeting of the company will be held on May 20.

The Chairman's statement reads: "The innovation which was introduced last year, of circulating with the Annual Accounts a fuller statement than is contained in the Directors' report, appears to have received the Shareholders' approval. It is therefore proposed to continue this practice in this and future years."

I think I can claim that the results for 1952 are good and that they give confidence in the future of the Company.

I will mention the points to which I think special attention may be drawn, in the same order as last year.

LIFE DEPARTMENT

The premiums again show a large increase of over \$400,000 compared with the previous year and interest has increased substantially, due to the increasing Life Fund.

On the other side of the account Death Claims are a very tight figure. Maturity Claims and Surrenders both show an increase, the former as known and provided for, and the latter as expected.

Commission is a slightly smaller figure than in 1951, in spite of the large premiums, this being due to the increasing proportion of renewal premiums, which are, of course, subject to a much lower rate of commission than first year premiums.

We can transfer \$150,000 (as shown) to reduce the Re-establishment of Life Business Account, and still maintain a Life Fund with an augmented margin over the full actuarial liabilities in respect of this side of our activities.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

This account shows a large increase in premiums, due to our having obtained full re-apportionment for the considerable reinsurance ceded by us. The item of \$47,008 is a non-recurring amount and is an initial payment received for unexpired risks in the new reinsurance treaties under which this re-apportionment is given.

Claims are a heavier proportion of premiums than the previous year, but are still very reasonable. A transfer of \$40,000 can be made to Profit & Loss, leaving a margin of \$193,066, which is about the same proportion of the year's premiums as in 1951 and considerably in excess of the customary reserve for unexpired risks.

ACCIDENT DEPARTMENT

Here again we have made satisfactory progress, premiums showing an increase of about 30% over 1951; with favourable Claims, a sum of \$40,000 can be transferred to Profit & Loss, leaving an increased Fund which is proportionately as strong as at the beginning of the year and much over the customary reserve for unexpired risks.

MARINE DEPARTMENT

The recession in business resulted in a considerable fall in our Marine premiums. This was also contributed to by a reduction in the general level of rates to which reference has been made by Marine underwriters all over the world.

The result of our business was, however, very satisfactory and we recommended transferring \$70,000 to Profit & Loss, leaving a Fund which, while smaller in amount than a year earlier, is considerably stronger in ratio to the reduced premiums.

PROFIT & LOSS ACCOUNT

Interest carried to this account has increased and towards the end of the year the book advantage of a favourable market to dispose of certain of our investments at a considerable profit over book value.

With the amount carried forward from 1951 and the transfer from the Departmental Reserve Account, which I have mentioned, there is a sum of \$408,928 for allocation.

From this it is proposed to increase our Taxation Reserve by \$10,000 and to write off the remaining balance of the Reserve Account, which I have mentioned, there is a sum of \$408,928 for allocation.

This will leave \$128,928 from which the Board recommends

Junk Pirated Today Near Aberdeen

A Hongkong-registered cargo junk was attacked by pirates six miles south of Aberdeen at 6 a.m. today.

The junk master, Chan Ching, was wounded when the pirates attacked the vessel with small arms. The pirates then boarded the vessel and stole rice, cash and personal belongings of the crew valued at \$2,000.

The junk returned to the Colony later in the morning, and the master of the vessel reported the incident to the Police before being removed to Queen Mary Hospital.

Mail Notices

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FRIDAY, MAY 8
By Air
Indo-China, France, French North and West Africa, 4.30 p.m. Air Viet-nam.
N. Borneo, Australia, New Zealand, 6 p.m. Q.E.A.
Siam, India, Pakistan, Great Britain and Europe, 7 p.m. D.O.A.C.
By Surface
Macao, 2 p.m.; 6 p.m., as Tai Loy/Tak Shing.
SATURDAY, MAY 9
Philippines, Guam, Hawaii, U.S.A. and Canada, 8 a.m. via P.A.L.
Hawaii, U.S.A., 6 p.m. P.A.A.
Formosa, Okinawa, U.S.A. (Seattle and Western States), Canada, 6 p.m. H.K.A. (N.W.A.L.).
Siam, India, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain and Europe, 6 p.m. D.O.A.C.
Macao, 1.30 p.m.; 6 p.m., as Leo Hong/Tak Shing.
China, People's Republic, 8.30 a.m.; 8 p.m., train via Canton.
Indonesia, Borneo, Fukuoka, Japan, Hawaii, U.S.A. (Central & South America), Noon, as Pres. Wilson.
Canada, Noon, as Island Mail.
Malaya, Burma, 1 p.m., as Hui Hing.
Formosa, 1 p.m., as Shengking.
Philippines, 2 p.m., as P. & T. Explorer.
Pakistan, 2 p.m., as Vileike Macraik.
SUNDAY, MAY 10
Japan, 6 p.m. via D.O.A.C.
Malaya, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand, Ceylon, 6 p.m. D.O.A.C.
By Surface
Macao, 2 p.m., as Tai Loy.

TB Mortality Rate Down

Singapore, May 7.—The mortality rate from pulmonary tuberculosis in Singapore has been cut in the last 11 years from 23 per cent of every million inhabitants to .09 per cent. Dr Donaldson, chief Health Officer for Singapore, told the press.

The Health Officer said that the biggest factor in the decline of the TB rate was the higher standard of living prevailing today.—United Press.

RESTRICTIONS LIFTED

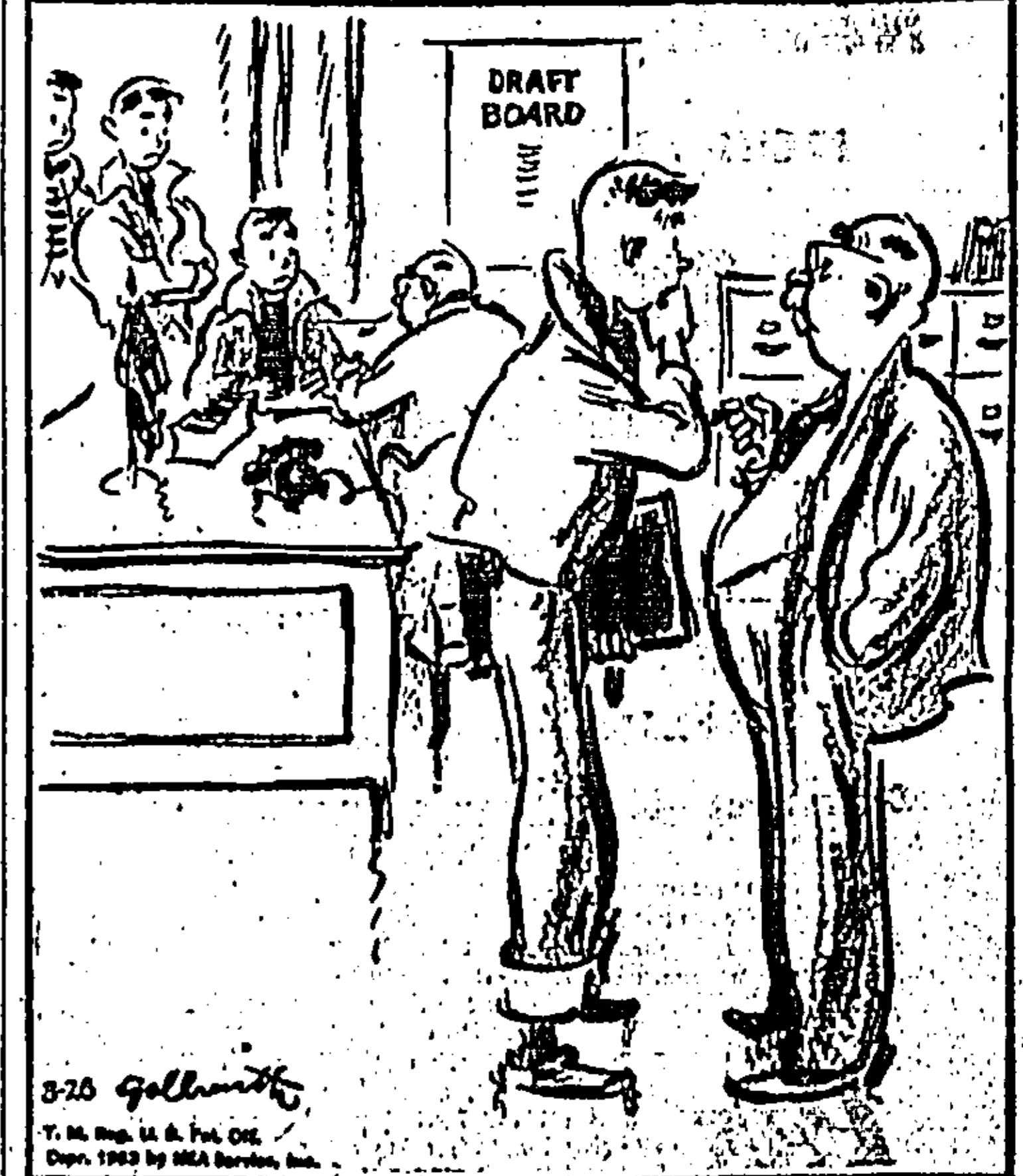
Tokyo, May 7.—The Ministry of International Trade and Industry will suspend partially the automatic approval import system on the April to September foreign currency budget, effective Saturday.

According to the decision, Japanese traders will not be permitted to import:

1. Vacuum tubes for radio sets and any other vacuum tubes.
2. Television receivers and their vacuum tubes.
3. Machine tools except from dollar areas, West Germany and Sweden.—Reuter.

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